MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Synod of Nebraska met Tuesday evening, September 19th, 1905, in the Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb.

Anthem by choir.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., conducted the evening service.

Hebrews vi. 9-20 read by Mrs. J. A. Lowe, Beatrice.

Hymn 57 was sung.

Very cordial greetings were presented in a very pleasing manner by Mrs. J. W. Ball, Lincoln, to which Mrs. A. H. Claudius, Omaha, responded with very fitting words.

Solo by Mrs. Hoover.

The President's Address was unusually interesting.

President's Address.

The onward movement of time has again brought us together in convention. Another short journey has been made, and we have stopped to rest awhile ere we resume our way. These conventions, while full of anxious hope and legislation for future work, are *rests* by the wayside.

The opening of this convention brings us to a milestone we have never passed before. We have come, as it were, to a gateway to a new domain, at which we stop, look back over the twenty-five years of travel, recount our blessings, and formulate plans before we enter the next quarter-century.

To the few that began the journey twenty-five years ago, or early joined the company, this convention is of especial interest, but we all rejoice that we have reached this twenty-fifth milestone under such pleasant circumstances and come with unbounded gratitude to our heavenly Father for His mercy and loving kindness enjoyed all along the way. We rejoice that we, the present band of workers, have as many of the first workers yet in our Auxiliary Societies as we have. True, the official slate has quite changed, but we are able to call for and receive messages from each ex-President of our organization. Most of these, though not workers in our midst, are laboring for our common Lord in other parts of His vineyard.

It seems natural to recall the past: the rough climb over difficult places, the easy walk over smooth fields, the bright sunshine, the gloomy cloud, the struggle with indifference, or the enjoyment of encouragement and achievement.

It would be pleasant to review these different seasons of the past, but I remember that, according to our programme, we have a special session on Thursday evening for our Silver Anniversary Service.

To the ones whose faces have grown familiar by frequent association the past is full of pleasant memories, and, as we welcome the new ones to our number, the future is full of hope. I greet you all in the name of Jesus. To you who have come to us for the first time I extend a special greeting and welcome.

Sisters, your presence here with increasing numbers, year after year, evidences that the bond which unites us is growing stronger and more perfect, and that the feeling which draws us together from the different parts of the State comes from an earnest desire to promote the cause of Missions and to hasten the coming of Christ's kingdom. We are to-night nearer the hour when every knee shall bow at the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who toil in heathen lands amid oppression and indifference, and we at home, who try to carry our share of the load, may at times feel discouraged, but "so surely as the Lord reigns is the world to be His." Our individual part in the great work may seem of no avail, but every tiny effort made is bringing nearer the goal. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."

THE GENERAL SOCIETY

of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of which we form a part, has been making a history of which we should be very proud. Much has

been accomplished in both the Home and the Foreign fields. The advance of the past two years has been greater than at any previous time. The Silver Jubilee Convention at Springfield has proven that our women *can do great things*. It was the greatest convention of Lutheran women in the history of the Church, says our efficient Secretary, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer. It certainly was an enthusiastic band of earnest Christian women that met to hear of the progress reported by our faithful officers to rejoice and worship together.

The plans formulated at the Pittsburgh Convention two years before were well manipulated and the result most pleasing to all.

The pledge of 10,000 new members was not verified, yet the increase of 5,275 was very good.

You all know of the large Jubilee Offering and of the enthusiastic way it was received. The aim had been high—$25,000.00—a large sum to be raised in two years, aside from the regular work, by our women. But they communed often with God in prayer, put their shoulder to the wheel, and the magnificent sum of $28,896.87 was raised. Many hearts were filled with thanksgiving to God and with courage to do great things in the future. The enthusiasm created by raising the Silver Jubilee Offering shows what can and will be done in this biennium. The mark was set high, $65,000.00, for regular work.

The watchword given by our Executive Committee and adopted by the convention was "A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Every Congregation of the General Synod." Our new President, Mrs. P. A. Heilman, says: "$25,000.00, generous and beautiful as was the giving and sacrificing, the work of a little company, cannot be compared to the winning of 25,000 new members in the coming two years. Our Lord and Master when upon the earth began His life-work by calling FOLLOWERS. He said nothing about money, but called the busy working people whom He found at the place of duty (Matthew sitting at the receipt of customs, Philip and Andrew at their daily toil of fishing, James and John mending their nets), faithful in their homely duties. He saw the hidden power to win men to His service. From that day to this the busy men and women have done the Lord's work in every church. The active Peters; the strenuous Pauls; the weary, nervous Marthas; the orderly Marys, with time to listen to a friend—all have been busy in helping to exalt the name of Christ in the earth among the heathen and among Christians." Oh! busy women and men of our Nebraska churches, will you not arise in your strength, pledge anew your time, your ability, and your means to the service of Christ in this work? Then will there be a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation in our Synod. We can thus prove our loyalty to the General Society in doing our share toward reaching the aim of this biennium. Oh! I wish it were possible for the Nebraska Synodical Society to stand side by side with our sister Synodical Societies. I believe it will some day, when we have all of our women enlisted in our ranks. We, of course, cannot expect the women of

one-half of the congregations of Nebraska do the work of the whole number. You say we are not asked for the work of all; that we are held responsible for only the actual number of enlisted members. This is partly true, but I know that during the past five years, at least, your Synodical officers have not been able to put forth much special effort for faithfulness of the individual member, because much time and strength had to be expended on the building up of our Synodical Society, and this must be continued, for we will not rest with societies in but one-half of our congregations. We must not excuse ourselves because of conditions. At the last three General Conventions, your delegates have had occasion to acknowledge to themselves, "Nebraska has not done her share." Though we congratulated ourselves on the amount of our Silver Jubilee Offering, because it was more than we hoped for, it was not our full apportionment. The sum we gave was but little more than half we should have given. Perhaps one-fourth of our women gave their apportionment and more, others gave less, and still others nothing. Certainly the blessing and the rejoicing came to those who gave and not to those who did not. Why didn't all give? Not because they could not afford it, but because they were indifferent, were not informed about the object, or did not give when first asked. Some ask *why* is it important to have a Missionary Society in every congregation? Is it not for the reason the Church needs the support of these societies and the women need the benefit of them? It has been proven to be a good thing for some churches and for some women, why not for all?

Then one-half million dollars for Missions is the result of the labor of our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in the past twenty-five years. No mean sum. It has not hindered the general benevolence, but has helped to stimulate giving in our churches and opened avenues of usefulness to our women.

Women have been endowed with the Holy Ghost and are speaking with other tongues. God has fitted them to be chosen vessels, and they are doing marvelous work in His kingdom. The women of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church have proven themselves workers "approved unto God, that need not be ashamed." I would I had the gift of speech or pen that would inspire the heart of each woman of our Church with that energy and love for our work that would induce her to become a co-laborer with us, enabling her to bear her share of the responsibilities that press upon each of us, rising higher in the influence of usefulness.

Among the advanced steps taken at Springfield was the decision to support a Traveling Secretary, whose duty shall be to organize and visit congregations and societies that need help and encouragement. Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, a woman well known and loved in this as well as in other parts of the country, has been elected to this office, as Field Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. This will meet a long-felt want, especially for the Western societies. May success attend her endeavors!

Another forward movement will be the *Lutheran Woman's Magazine*, which will be published on behalf of our Missionary Society as soon as possible.

The second Sunday in May has been designated as an *Annual Day of Prayer*. Will you not see that it is observed next year in your church?

SYNODICAL WORK.

The work of the past year was commenced with great hopefulness. I am glad to be able again to report a forward movement. Perhaps the increase has not been as large as expected, but we rejoice that some advance has been made.

I will not anticipate the reports of the officers, committees, and secretaries further than they come under one line of my work.

With the exception of two societies, I have heard directly from all the Presidents of the Woman's Societies—always some encouraging message, even when difficulties were reported.

One President writes: "We have grown in numbers and interest, and have a good attendance at all our meetings." Another: "We have held all meetings. Ladies enjoy meetings, and are helped by them." Again: "I can say it (Missionary Society) has been a helpful factor in my Christian life the past year." Still another: "Some of our Woman's meetings are poorly attended, but I can now report a Home Department, a Cradle Roll, and a Mission Band, with a full amount for Jubilee Offering from each member of the Woman's Society.

The Secretary of the Young People's Department having resigned, I, on March 6th, 1905, appointed Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis, of Wilber, to take her place.

July 22d, 1905, I appointed Mrs. M. D. Willert, Tekamah, to fill vacancy of Home Department Secretary.

The one appointed as Organizer last fall not being able physically to take up the work, it has fallen upon the shoulders of your President.

New Organizations.—October 27th, 1904, I received word of the organization of a Woman's Society at Rising City, with thirteen members.

April 30th, 1905, a Children's Mission Band was organized at Tekamah, with six members; also a Mission Band was organized at Wilber.

In April, both a Home Department and a Cradle Roll were started at Tekamah.

July 13th, 1905, at the North Platte Conference, a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized at Homer, with nine active and one honorary member.

September 9th, 1905, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized at Wolbach, with eight active and one honorary member.

September 10th, 1905, Grace Church, Burt County, received their first member in the Home Department.

Losses.—In April I received word that the Woman's Society at Pawnee City

had withdrawn from the Synodical Society, wishing to keep their money at home, to support a minister. I am glad to hear they expect to take up the work again next year.

In July I received word that the Grace Church, Burt County, Young People's Christian Endeavor Society had dropped their connection with our Society, for want of a leader.

Silver Anniversary Service.—Having reached the close of our twenty-fifth year, it is fitting that, according to suggestion last year, we celebrate this Silver Anniversary. The last session of the convention has been set apart for it. At that time a silver offering will be made. I hope it will be a liberal one, as it is to be used toward the organization of new societies in our State. We have received letters, saying, "If you would only send some worker into our church, I think we could organize." This offering will be used for this purpose.

New Work.—The first object to meet our attention after convention will be Immanuel Mission, Philadelphia. The call is for $2,000.00—a very small amount from each one of us.

Following this will come the Thank-offering, and then the Christmas Offering.

It has long been my desire for Nebraska to endow a bed in the hospital at Guntur, India. I hinted at this last year, but with our special Silver Jubilee Offering and our own Silver Anniversary Offering this year, in connection with our small numbers, it was impossible for us to think of undertaking anything else. But now I hope we might make a beginning, and in time our society could have a place with the other Synodical Societies that have already endowed beds in India. We are told to attempt great things for God. I make this as my last request of you, as your Synodical President.

CONCLUSION.

Dear sisters, at the close of this convention I will have served you as President for five years, and I will surrender to another the office which I have tried to fill; but in giving up this sacred responsibility I wish to assure you that my responsibility to God for my individual share in this great work of missions will be held more sacred than ever, and I shall always deem it a high privilege to be a co-laborer with you. Permit me to say that the kindly forbearance and loving helpfulness shown me by the officers and members of this society will be among my sweetest memories. May we all receive a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit which will increase unto us wisdom and grace for the duties of this convention and for the coming year we are about to enter!

What this new year has for us, who can tell? Shadowy possibilities and unknown opportunities meet us. One thing we know—the Father will have a work for us to do greater than ever before.

Could each one but realize her individual responsibility, much vigor would be given to all our organizations and all women be interested. Then would

the children and the young people be brought into active service; then would all the forces of the church be united to form one mighty agency for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom; then would we realize our fondest hopes and have a real missionary church!

We need earnestness; we need consecration. Is it not true that we depend too much upon ourselves and our methods, forgetting we are invited to bring all our interests to the mercy seat? Shall we not earnestly, continually unite our prayers in behalf of the uninterested, that they may be led to see their responsibility and privilege?

As "workers together with God," let us "not be weary in well-doing."

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, delivered an excellent address on "Foreign Missions."

Offering $3.45.

Rev. J. F. Seibert pronounced the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Hymn 96.

Prayer by Miss Haase.

Credentials were received and the following roll formed:

Officers.

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Chairman of Literature Committee—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Delegates.

Beatrice—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Benedict—Mrs. G. W. Cook.

Dakota—Mrs. Alta A. Schmeid, Mrs. Georgia Jay.

Grace, Burt County—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Lincoln—Mrs. I. J. Stahl, Mrs. Frederick Walt.

Omaha—Mrs. A. H. Claudius, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Rising City—Miss Charlotta L. Kunkelman, Mrs. George Miller.

Roca—Miss Maude Martin, Mrs. J. J. Stein.

Tekamah—Mrs. G. A. Crannel, Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Wolbach—Mrs. E. B. Bollman.

Yutan—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Missionary.

Miss Jessie Brewer, Williamsport, Pa.

Visitors' Roll.

Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, York, Pa.; Rev. John F. Seibert, North Platte; Rev. Ralph W. Livers, S. Omaha; Rev. George W. Livers, Benedict; Rev. Edwin Bollman, Wolbach; Rev. Jesse W. Ball, Lincoln; Rev. M. D. Berg, Ponca; Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., Stella; Rev. John W. Poot, Davenport; Mr. C. Poot, Davenport; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kan.; Rev. Luther P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln; Rev. John Gutleben, Emerald; Rev. L. L. Lipe, West Point; Rev. C. Sick, Fontanelle; Mr. Roy Crawford, Roca; Rev. J. L. Hammond, Waverly; Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Rising City; Joseph Miller, M. D., Rising City; Rev. C. J. Ringer, Wayne; Rev. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City; Rev. J. W. Kimmel, Lincoln; Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, Lincoln; Miss Kate Moser, Lincoln; Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Rising City; Miss Kate Kimmel, Lincoln; Mr. L. Stahl, Lincoln; Misses Carrie and Nellie Ludden, Lincoln; Rev. L. J. Powell, Paxton; Mrs. Lewis, President of Iowa Synodical Society; Mrs. G. H. Albright.

Reading and approval of minutes.

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Quarters Reported.	Organized.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	MEMBERS. Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Total.	TIME OF MEETINGS.	Number of Meetings.	Journals.	Children's Missionary.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasury.
1. Beatrice	1, 2, 3, 4	1892	Mrs. E. P. Mumford	Mrs. M. A. Mostert	18	..	9	..	3	20	1st Thursday	12	24	35	$25 23
2. Benedict	2,	1901		Mrs. J. Foster	14	1	..	..	..	15	2d Saturday	..	12	..	18 17
3. Dakota City, Emmanuel	2, 3, 4	1891	Mrs. W. P. Warner	Miss E. S. Haase	19	1	5	3	1	25	1st Thursday	11	15	30	77 15
4. Dakota County, Salem	1, 2, 3, 4	1901	Mrs. Ruth Culbertson	Mrs. William Armour	18	..	..	..	..	18	1st Friday	12	18	..	42 10
5. Grace Church, Burt Co	1, 2, 3, 4	1901	Miss Evelyn Wickstrom	Miss Grace Larson	17	..	18	..	1	35	1st Thursday	10	11	10	87 33
6. Homer	4	1905	Mrs. Frank Sayers	Mrs. W. H. Berger	9	1	..	..	..	10	3d Thursday	2	6	..	2 25
7. Lincoln	1, 2, 3, 4	1890	Mrs. J. W. Ball	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	13	4	..	..	..	17	1st Wednesday	..	7	..	26 34
8. North Platte	1, 2, 4	1904	Mrs. John F. Seibert	Mrs. Fred. Fredrickson	10	..	..	..	..	10	4th Friday	9	10	..	23 85
9. Omaha	1, 2, 3,	1886	Mrs. S. S. Riegle	Mrs. J. E. Hummon	45	1	..	1	..	46	4th Friday	..	18	..	78 93
10. Ponca	1, 2, 3, 4	1880	Mrs. M. D. Berg	Mrs. M. D. Berg	22	1	..	..	..	23	1st Friday	12	28	..	71 25
11. Roca	1, 2, 3, 4	1894	Miss Matie Martin	Miss Viola Martin	4	1	..	..	..	5	2d Sunday	5	4	..	20 85
12. Rising City	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. L. J. Saylor	Mrs. L. A. Garmon	13	..	..	..	..	13	1st Wednesday	..	9	..	42 15
13. Stella	1, 2, 3, 4	1884	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Mrs. Kittie Wilsey	9	..	..	..	..	9	1st Thursday	12	6	..	30 50
14. Tekamah	2, 3, 4	1881	Mrs. M. D. Willert	Mrs. Estella Wood	11	..	11	..	2	22	1st Saturday	7	9	..	32 95
15. West Point	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. Flora Lipe	Mrs. A. B. C. Heller	9	3	..	..	..	12	1st Wednesday	13	10	..	23 75
16. Wolbach	Sept. 9th	1905	Mrs. Carrie Mathiesen	Mrs. Cornelia Bollman	8	1	..	..	..	9		1	6	..	..
17. Yutan	1, 2, 4	1883	Miss L. A. Bender	Mrs. Rebecca Shupe	4	3	3	..	2	10	1st Thursday	..	..	30	21 55
18. Auburn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 18
19. Hardy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 00
Totals	..	..	..	..	243	17	36	4	9	296	..	..	193	121	$641 53
MISSION BANDS.															
1. Beatrice	2, 3, 4	1904	Ester Gerhart	..	8	2	..	..	..	10	1st Sunday	6	..	..	$1 44
2. Dakota City	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Gretchen Baughman	Miss Elizabeth S. Haase	21	..	..	..	..	21	Alternate Sundays	..	..	..	5 95
3. Grace Church, Burt Co	1,	1904	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
4. Roca	1, 2, 3, 4	1902	Maggie Hoover	Miss Viola Martin	4	4	..	..	..	8	2d Sunday	..	..	10	50
5. Wilber	3,	1905	..	Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis	15	..	..	..	..	15	2d Sunday	..	..	..	..
6. Yutan	1, 2,	1903	..	L. A. Bender	6	..	..	..	..	6	2d Sunday	5	..	..	2 15
7. Tekamah	3,	..	..	Mrs. M. D. Willert	7	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	61	6	..	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	$10 44
Grand Totals	..	..	..	..	304	23	36	4	9	363	..	..	193	131	$651 97

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LYDIA A. BENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Executive Committee has held two meetings since the last convention. The first at Ponca, September 29th, 1904, directly after convention. Four officers were present—Miss Haase, Mrs. Riegle, Mrs. Kautz, and Miss Larson. All bills presented were allowed. It was decided, first, to place the $2.18 received from Auburn into the Jubilee Fund; second, that the $15.00 received from Hardy be divided between the Synodical Fee, General Fund, and Jubilee Fund, giving $5.00 to each; third, that the collections received during convention be given to Synodical Fee. The second meeting was held at the home of Miss Haase, Dakota City, July 22d, 1905, with Miss Haase, Mrs. Kautz, and Miss Larson present. Miss Haase gave a very encouraging report of the work in Nebraska. The President had appointed Mrs. Lewis, of Wilber, Superintendent of Young People's Department, after having received the resignation of Miss Toxword.

Referring to the Minutes, regarding the place of next convention, the President informed us that the invitation as given by Mrs. Ball would be accepted, and our convention be held in Lincoln, owing to the fact that Wilber would be unable to entertain convention the same time as Synod.

Miss Haase gave a delightful account of the Springfield Convention, and also read a letter from Mrs. Shaffer, stating Miss Brewer would visit the Western Conventions, providing they could assure her expenses. It was decided to have Miss Brewer attend our convention and also have her visit as many Auxiliaries as possible.

The Treasurer had reported $18.58 in Synodical Fund. The $25.00 toward delegates' expenses to General Convention not having been paid, it was decided to apportion the amount among the Auxiliaries. Miss Larson was appointed to attend to this matter.

Miss Bender, not being present, sent letters reporting a new Children's Band of 15 members at Wilber.

Mrs. M. D. Willert, of Tekamah, accepted the office of Superintendent of Home Department.

The programme for convention was next arranged as you now see it.

Respectfully submitted, HOPE C. LARSON.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Historian.

We stand upon the threshold of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary with enlarged opportunities and with deeper experiences of the past, we trust with larger wisdom concerning the Redeemer's kingdom.

A thousand years in God's sight are but as yesterday, when it is past, but to us *time* is the most precious of all earth's possessions.

It holds in its embrace all the privileges of life, though we may regret its

rapid flight. We rejoice that our Woman's Missionary Society was organized twenty-five years ago. We *were slow* to hear the voice,

"Arise, ye daughters."

Having taken God as our pilot, *He* led and guided our steps, so we marched forward and gathered manna on the way, gathered strength for each duty. We have helped to build tabernacles, where *God* has met *His* people; we have annually gathered at our convention feasts to thank *Him* for all *His* mercies. Reviewing successes and blessings is a joy. But too much importance must not be placed on figures, money, efforts, and organizations. But superior to all these is a consecrated life; when this consecration is ours, the thoughts spoken, the words written, and the material gathered will honor the Historian's collection which only heaven can reveal when time fades into eternity.

It was not until eleven years after the organization of our work that we fully realized the fact that our society was making history, and that it would be desirable to form a collection of the literature, official records, and other matter pertaining to our work. Accordingly at the Twelfth Convention, 1891, held at Omaha, Mrs. J. W. Kimmel was appointed by the President, Mrs. Griffith. The work of this office I have endeavored to discharge to the best of my ability since 1896.

Will now present to you a brief account of all material on hand.

1. Scrap Book with clippings.
2. *Mission Studies*, complete, 1895-1905.
3. *Children's Missionary*, 1894-1905.
4. *Lutheran Missionary Journal*, 1896-1905.
5. Proceedings of General Convention (missing, 1883), 1879-1905.
6. Minutes Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Synod of Nebraska, 1881-1905.
7. History, written by Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, from 1880-1893.
8. All Tracts since 1896.
9. Programmes of Conventions since 1896.
10. Photographs: Our loyal friend who has passed to his reward, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.; Miss E. S. Haase; picture of church of San Jose, Cal.
11. Reports of the Guntur Mission, India. Very incomplete, would like to get them all if possible.
12. Copy of the laying of the corner-stone service of the A. E. L. M. Dispensary for Women and Children, Guntur, India.
13. E. V. Day Memorial Book.
14. First Secretary's Book, minutes from 1880-1888.
15. Five large photo scenes of Guntur, India.
16. Booklet containing pictures of our Foreign Missionaries.
17. Report of Foreign Mission Board, 1901.
18. A photo of Officers and Delegates at the Yutan Convention.

19. Maps of India.

20. "Rex Christus," study of China; "Dux Christus," study of Japan.

While we prize this collection, it is not as complete as it should be. I would ask every Auxiliary delegate present to see to it that a Historian is elected in your society. If no one else, let your President act. Someone has said "Everyone's business is no one's business." Therefore no one looks after the historical part.

In response to the letters sent to Auxiliary Societies in March for information for the General Historian, I gathered the following: None observed the Twilight Hour.

Best method of developing the members of your society. This was answered in various ways: Regular attendance, a study of the Bible, a knowledge of the work, an interesting programme, a personal effort, make the officers attend convention.

A majority of the societies reported an increase in membership and contribution.

Only two members practice systematic and proportionate giving.

Two Young People's Societies, two Cradle Rolls, two Home Departments, and three Mission Bands were reported.

Miss E. S. Haase was made a life member by the Synodical Society in convention at Yutan, October, 1903.

Mrs. J. B. Brunner, a life member, died 1904.

Ten members have died since the organization.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Hymn 334.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature presents again a review of their work for the year closing with this convention.

We have not been able to carry out the custom of last year in sending free tracts to our societies, and to the churches where we do not have a regularly organized Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, because of the limited supply this year and the lack of donations of such literature from the General Literature Committee.

It is with pleasure that we note again this year an advance in the work entrusted to us. There seems to be an appreciation of the work among our members. We plead for a still larger circulation of our publications, for a more general use of the United Study Courses, with maps, pictures, tracts. Some of our societies have not yet joined with us in the blessed work of sending out the knowledge concerning this great work committed to us. We ask, therefore, for a very careful examination each quarter of "New Publications" advertised in the *Mission Studies*. We ask for the formation of a Literature

Committee in each society. What a power the printed page would become in our Synodical Society if we could thus present a united front in this great work of sending out the light—if all our societies were contributing members, and thus helping in spreading of our literature abroad among our members.

At the time of writing this report a number of our societies are still marked not paid for this year. Let every delegate see to it that the small amount, fifty cents, is paid before they leave the convention.

The financial exhibit for the year is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year	$0 65
Tracts sold at Convention	47
From Oakland	50
From Tekamah	50
From North Platte	50
From Dakota City	50
From West Point	50
From Dakota City, R. F. D.	50
From Benedict	50
From Lincoln	50
From Rising City	50
From Stella	50
For *Mission Studies*, West Point	25
For *Mission Studies*, Nebraska City	25
For *Mission Studies*, Lincoln	25
For copy Mosaic, Nebraska City	25
For Home Department Literature, Beatrice	35
	$7 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Stamps	$3 05
For *Mission Studies*	75
For Mosaic	25
For Money Orders, including return postage	16
For Literature	1 39
Balance on hand	1 87
	$7 47

We still owe the General Literature Committee for tracts. The bill has not yet been presented.

Again I thank you one and all for your kindness and forbearance during the year past.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Superintendent of Children's Bands.

Your Secretary of the Children's Mission Band Department would offer the following report:

There are six bands in the State. Wilber organized since last convention. I have written to and heard from all of these bands during the year. The prize offered for the largest Silver Jubilee Offering was earned by the Dakota City Band.

Respectfully submitted, MATIE MARTIN.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Young People's Mission Band.

The prospects of the Young People's Missionary Society have been somewhat discouraging.

I have written nineteen letters to pastors and received nine answers. Only one gave me any encouragement. Of the three societies organized last year two have disbanded, and I have been unable to hear from the third.

I fear the future of the Young People's Society will be somewhat discouraging, unless some conditions change in the present pastorates. I am very sorry to offer such a report, but hope the next one will be better. I have written thirty-four letters in this cause. Bill for postage, 68 cents.

Hoping you may have a grand and glorious convention this week,

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. H. B. LEWIS.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Home Department Secretary.

Your Secretary of the Home Department would submit the following report, beginning August 1st, 1905:

Number of letters written, 18; replies, 3.

Department adopted in three societies.

Department adopted in Tekamah Society May 3d, with two members; adopted in Grace, Burt County, September 12th, with one member; and in Yutan, September 9th, with two members. Number of members in Dakota Home Department one, making a total membership of six.

AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Dakota City	$13 00
Tekamah	1 00
Yutan	1 00
Grace, Burt County	1 00
Total	$16 00

We trust the enrollment in this Department shall become much larger during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. D. WILLERT.

Referred to committee.

Report of Box-work Committee.

Dear sisters of the Nebraska Synodical Society, I will make the following report:

I have written twice to Mrs. Fanny Reeves regarding the box-work. The first letter was sent in June, the second in August. I was informed that there were no names of needy missionary pastors on the list, consequently a box would be unnecessary. I am sorry to disappoint the societies, as I know all enjoy giving toward this work, but am glad the financial circumstances of our pastors have improved. However, the box-work is a grand work. Don't give it up.

May God's blessing be with you all.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. ESTELLA WOOD.

Referred to committee.

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Mrs. M. D. Willert.

2. *Treasurer's Report*—Miss Matie Martin, Mrs. M. A. Schmeid.

3. *Corresponding Secretary's Report*—Miss Maude Martin, Mrs. J. W. Ball.

4. *Standing Committees' Reports*—Miss Charlotta Kunkelman, Mrs. J. J. Stein.

5. *Department Secretary's Report*—Mrs. I. J. Stahl, Mrs. E. Bollman.

6. *Letters and Papers*—Miss L. A. Bender, Mrs. L. J. Saylor.

7. *Resolutions*—Mrs. A. H. Claudius, Mrs. Georgia Jay.

8. *Reporter to City Papers*—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

9. *Reporter to Observer*—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

10. *Reporter to Evangelist*—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

11. *Reporter to Lutheran World*—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

12. *Reporter to Missionary Journal*—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Education, addressed the convention, speaking very encouragingly of the educational and of the Woman's work.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary, Board of Church Extension, also addressed the convention, extending greetings from the Board.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Field Secretary of the Western District of the Board of Home Missions, desired to give his address at this time, presenting greetings from the Board and congratulating the women on their work.

The addresses by these prominent workers were highly appreciated.

Miss Jessie Brewer, missionary from India, was introduced to the convention at this time, and was given the Chautauqua salute.

In the absence of Mrs. Saylor, Miss Brewer kindly consented to lead the "Prayer and Praise Service," which was very enjoyable.

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Kline.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with Gospel Service from Manual, led by the President.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Society.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Delegate's Expenses.	Thank-Offering.	Jubilee Fund.	Christmas Offering.	Pasadena.	Girls' School, Africa.	Girls' School, India.	Permanent Fund.	Life Member.	Total.
Auburn	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 18
Beatrice	$9 70	$1 00	$0 90	$7 08	6 15	.....	.....	$0 40	.....	.....	.....	25 23
Beatrice Mission Band	1 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 44
Benedict	2 60	1 80	.....	6 77	6 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	18 17
Dakota City	18 20	4 35	2 25	12 03	25 90	$3 11	$0 81	.....	.....	$0 50	$10 00	77 15
Dakota City Mission Band	2 19	.....	.....	56	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 05
Grace	18 25	1 80	2 16	22 77	40 15	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 33
Grace Mission Band	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
Hardy	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Homer	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Lincoln	12 00	2 60	1 65	5 09	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 34
North Platte	10 10	1 20	1 20	3 72	7 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 85
Omaha	23 50	4 50	5 00	15 93	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 93
Ponca	32 75	3 00	4 50	8 50	22 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 25
Rising City	12 90	2 90	.....	.....	26 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 15
Roca	9 10	.....	.....	2 55	8 00	.....	.....	.....	$1 20	.....	.....	20 85
Roca Mission Band	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Salem	16 95	3 20	1 90	12 05	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 10
Stella	10 85	50	1 05	14 65	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 50
Tekamah	7 00	90	1 00	6 00	18 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 95
West Point	11 90	90	95	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	23 75
Wilber Mission Band	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
Yutan	9 50	2 00	1 95	2 50	5 10	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 55
Yutan Mission Band	1 15	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 15
Mrs. Kimmel	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Collections at Convention	.....	10 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 08
Total	$219 70	$40 73	$24 51	$125 70	$227 76	$5 31	$1 31	$1 40	$6 20	$0 50	$10 00	$663 12

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from Societies	$663 12	
Balance on hand	78 86	
		$741 98

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Larson	$8 00	
Mrs. Wood	85	
Miss Haase	22 10	
Mrs. Riegle	6 00	
Miss Bender	1 50	
Mrs. Mostert	2 50	
Mrs. Shaffer	10 00	
Silver Jubilee	265 56	
General Treasurer	377 05	
Delegate's Expenses to General Convention	25 00	
		718 56
Balance		$23 42

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE.

The reports of delegates were very interesting and encouraging. All societies were heard from, either through delegates or by letter.

Hymn 189.

Report of Delegate to General Convention at Springfield.

The Fourteenth Biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod was held in the First Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio, May 23d-26th, 1905.

This was the largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held by Lutheran women. Being the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Convention, it was the most important ever held by our General Society. I realized the great privilege that was mine to be present at the convention and as your delegate.

The enrollment was delegates 187, visitors 142.

Tuesday morning the first floor of the church was an attractive place. The rest room, the writing room, etc., showed the loving preparations made for our comfort and needs.

The first session was opened by a prayer and praise service by Mrs. D. A. Davy, of West Sandlake, New York.

The President, Mrs. Kretching, called the convention to order; the opening prayer was made by Mrs. C. W. Baker, of Lena, Ill. (a former President of our Nebraska Synodical Society); the credentials of delegates received, and the regular routine work of the convention had started.

The greetings were very graciously and gracefully given by Mrs. John L. Zimmerman. Mrs Patton, of Huntingdon, Pa., very beautifully responded to

this welcome. The Symposium, "The Past, Present, and Future of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society," was responded to by the twenty-two Synodical delegates with two-minute talks, and proved very interesting. At the first evening session we listened to the address of our beloved President, Mrs. Kretchting; to greetings from both the India and African fields; to an able address by Mrs. Helen C. Beegle on "Forward in Home Missions;" and to an inspiring address by Dr. A. Stewart Hartman, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Following this interesting programme was an invitation to the church parlors, where the delegates and visitors were tendered a reception by the missionary societies of the five Lutheran churches of the city. Some 600 or 700 people were present, and by the time we had been refreshed by "freezia," served by young ladies at five different tables, we felt quite well acquainted with the different churches of Springfield, as well as having enjoyed the pleasure of greeting friends.

Wednesday morning's session was taken up with reports—all showing progress and an increase in interest, membership, and contributions. Miss Morris reported an increase of 5,275 members, a good showing, but not the 10,000 asked for at Pittsburgh. The Treasurer reported the contributions of the biennium to be $60,791.44, and the total contributions of the twenty-five years, $477,781.35, which, with the Silver Jubilee Offering, would bring the offerings of our Woman's Missionary Society to be more by some $5,000.00 or $6,000.00 than one-half million.

The Report of the Executive Committee was given by Mrs. K. B. Shaffer. It was a very lengthy report, but was received very enthusiastically by the delegates. In it was found all the important actions of the committee for the past two years, reports of all phases of the work, and recommendations for future activity. I hope every member of all the Nebraska societies will read every word of it, that they may know what our General Society is doing. Near the close of her report a deep impression was made on the convention by large white cloth banners, printed in yellow, red, and black, being presented to view as she spoke of the aim for the future. On one side was, "We Pledge $65,000.00 for the Coming Biennium." On the other, "A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Every Congregation in the General Synod." These were met with hearty applause, and with the motto of the society, "O Earth, Earth, Earth, Hear the Word of the Lord," in the centre, seemed to form a fitting halo above the officers and delegates after so encouraging a report.

The luncheon each noon was served in the Young Women's Christian Association gymnasium hall, just next door to the church. After only one and one-half hours' intermission, we were back in the church listening to the Historian's Report. In giving the account of the thirteen Biennial Conventions, as Mrs. Scholl announced each convention she had Miss Protzman place two roses in a beautiful loving-cup, which she sent in the name of the Fourteenth

Biennial Convention to Mrs. E. S. Prince, for many years Secretary of the Executive Committee, but now an invalid at her home in Springfield.

The Literature Committee reported the preparation of much more literature than any previous biennium, having issued 71,500 Leaflets, besides the *Mission Studies*, the Silver Jubilee Prayer Calendar, 5,200 Topic Cards, 31,000 Thank-offering Boxes, 12,000 Programmes, etc.

The Department Secretaries all made reports of progress. Central Pennsylvania is entitled to the Home Department banner; Kansas Synod has the only real Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society among the Germans; forty new Young People's Societies have been organized; Nebraska was reported as the banner society in increase of Mission Bands.

Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock almost the entire convention boarded street cars at the church door and were taken out to visit the Oesterlen Orphans' Home.

The second evening session was given up to Foreign Missions. Addresses were made by Dr. Mary Baer and Miss Jessie Brewer, from Guntur, India, and Dr. M. J. Kline, General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. All present must have been filled with a great desire to increase the missionary effort for both India and Africa.

Thursday morning brought more reports of committees. Dr. W. S. Hoskinson and Rev. G. H. Hillerman, two of our California missionaries, gave short talks.

A very pleasing part of the afternoon programme occurred when Mrs. Shaffer was called upstairs from work with the certificates to hear Miss Foreman sing a beautiful solo, "Sing and Rejoice," written by Mrs. E. B. Wirick, a former Secretary of the society, and dedicated to Mrs. Shaffer, our first missionary to India.

The crowning meeting of the convention was the Silver Jubilee Anniversary service, Thursday night. The house was filled to the doors, and only the rain prevented the crowd from being too large to gain admittance. The very air seemed filled with expectancy—a sort of subdued enthusiasm only waiting for an opportunity to make itself felt.

For twenty-four months our women had been looking forward to this service. The questions, "Will the $25,000.00 be realized?" and "Can the women do it?" were often asked. No one knew the amount to be received but the Treasurer, Mrs. Miller, and not even she knew the exact amount; so you can imagine the keen interest felt by the vast audience assembled that night.

As the hands of the clock in the church parlors pointed to 7.30, and while the organist played a grand prelude, the women who were to participate in the exercises, with the President and Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Nebraska delegate, headed the procession of Synodical delegates—all in holiday attire—marched through the corridor, up the two flights of stairs, through the long centre aisle, and took the places reserved for them in the front of the church.

The choir sang a beautiful anthem of praise, and the Jubilee Service had begun. Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, the first Synodical President, presided. The Rev. Arthur Smith, of the Fourth Church, conducted the evening service and offered prayer. The Scripture lesson was read by your delegate. An account of the "Early Organization" was given by Mrs. Snyder, and Mrs. S. B. Belmer gave a "Review of Twenty-five Years." The Silver Anniversary Address was given by Dr. J. F. Shaffer, and the audience rose and sung "My country, 'tis of thee." Then Mrs. J. P. Krechting, who had charge of the ingathering of the Silver Offering, spoke on Jubilee Service.

I wish you could have her address. Her face was illumined with a triumphant brightness, and her voice had a ring of successful achievement in it as she spoke of the audience before her; of the meeting in session; of the struggle of the past two years; of the sometimes daunting influence of many of the good brethren, who thought we had set our goal too high; of the sacrifices of our women to attain the end in view; of the love for Christ that prompted these sacrifices; of the joy in giving—with a loving tribute to our Mrs. Hamma, who had proposed the Silver Jubilee Offering, and giving God the credit for our achievement, whatever it might be.

The General Treasurer before receiving the offering made a short address, and then called for the sheaves of the harvest. She bid us "Rejoice! for it is our Silver Jubilee." The names of the Synodical Societies were called, beginning with the smallest—Rocky Mountain. Mrs. D. Burt Smith was not seated with the other Synodical delegates, but, upon the second call for Rocky Mountain Synod, rose in the rear of the church to make her announcement. But Mrs. Miller insisted on her coming forward, and upon the platform, where she was introduced as—"This Synod is the youngest child of the Church." Though surprised, Mrs. Smith stated that there were only two Missionary Societies in the Synod, and their offering was $67.48. She was enthusiastically greeted.

As the other societies were called, the delegate stepped forward, and, presenting a little silver chest—repeating a passage of Scripture or a beautiful thought—announced the amount of offering. Mrs. Miller received the silver chest on a silver tray, and again announced the amount to the audience. Each announcement was greeted with applause, the applause getting more and more enthusiastic, for each offering was a little larger than the one preceding it.

Nebraska was fourth to be called, and I was glad to announce our $265.56. The sums grew larger and larger, until Maryland announced $3,605.00.

After the offering by the congregation had been taken, the accountant, Dr. Prince, rose to give his report. A perfect quiet filled the church as he gave the total, $28,897.31; but immediately round after round of applause filled the church—a perfect sea of handkerchiefs waved in the air.

Mrs. Krechting made the consecration prayer, and the audience rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The Jubilee Hymn, written by Miss Emma Baer, was sung, and Dr. S. A. Ort pronounced the benediction.

There was much rejoicing and exchange of congratulations after the close of the session.

A very pleasant visit to Wittenberg College, with special exercises in the College chapel at 8.30, was made on Friday morning. About 200 of the delegates then went to Ferncliff Cemetery, where flowers were placed, with song and prayer, on the graves of Mrs. M. W. Hamma, Mrs. Firey, Rev. Morris Officer, Rev. E. Keller, and Mrs. Gunn and daughter.

Some of the items adopted by the convention are:

1. A suitable badge pin is to be prepared for the use of our women and young people.

2. The watchword for 1905-1907 is "A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Every Congregation in the General Synod."

3. A General Field Secretary be appointed by the Executive Committee.

4. That the second Sunday in May be set aside for an Annual Day of Prayer.

5. That a woman's magazine be published.

6. That Treasurers in remitting money give the amount in dollars, omitting the decimal column.

7. That Synodical officers meet quarterly, just after the quarterly reports have been received.

A very pleasing part of the programme was the informal conference with the missionaries, Miss Jessie Brewer and Dr. Mary Baer. The convention was given the privilege of asking questions, and many explanations and items of interest were given. Their conversation in Telugu, though we knew they were "talking about us," was greatly enjoyed.

The programme was too full to be all carried out. The convention did not close until Friday afternoon.

Mrs. P. A. Heilman, of Baltimore, Md., was elected President; Mrs. W. W. Witmer, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. W. Larkin, of Cobleskill, N. Y., as Vice-Presidents. The other officers are the same as of the previous biennium.

The next convention will be held in St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

A very touching memorial service was held at the close of the convention, in memory of our honored dead.

The Holy Communion was served by Dr. Firey and Rev. Lawrence immediately after the adjournment—a very fitting close to this grand and successful convention.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Solo, "Just for To-day," Mrs. Schmeid, Dakota City.

Letter of greeting from Mrs. P. A. Heilman, General President, was read by Miss Matie Martin.

Rev. Sick, Fontanelle, of the German Synod, spoke of the Missionary Society in his church.

Paper, "Stewardship," was presented by Mrs. M. D. Willert, in a pleasing and effective manner.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. L. L. Lipe, West Point.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Session opened with anthem by the choir.

Isaiah xlii. read by Miss Lydia A. Bender, Yutan.

Prayer by Mrs. G. A. Crannel, Tekamah.

Hymn 337.

Address, "Missionary Work in India," by Miss Brewer, was very interesting.

Solo, Mr. Stahl, Lincoln.

Offering, $4.15.

Hymn 244.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional services, conducted by Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Rising City.

Report of Mrs. S. A. Montgomery was read by Miss Charlotta Kunkelman.

Report of Secretary of Thank-offering Department.

I am glad to report the Thank-offering of last year to be our largest, $125.70.

I have written to all the Auxiliaries twice during the year. The last letter written was in August. Have received eight answers. All report they are using the mite-boxes, and think them a great help in securing an increase in the Thank-offering.

I received a circular letter from Mrs. Bond that she wished sent to each Auxiliary, with a programme for the Thank-offering meeting. I did not receive the letter till the last of the week, so did not have time to send for programmes, get them, and send out to Auxiliaries before the convention.

My prayer is that God will bless the convention now assembled, that we may be able to do more in the next year than we have in the past for the saving of souls.

Respectfully submitted, SOPHIA A. MONTGOMERY.

Report of Committee on Standing Committees' Reports.

Your Committee on Standing Committees' Reports finds the Report of Executive Committee satisfactory. We note with pleasure the new Mission Band at Wilber. We recommend this report for adoption.

The Historian's Report shows careful preparation. We would emphasize the suggestion that each society appoint a Historian.

The Literature Committee asks that special attention be given the list of new publications as advertised in the *Mission Studies*.

The report shows increased interest in the literature, but also shows some unpaid subscriptions to yearly tracts.

We recommend that each society attends to the payment of these sums.

We note the disappointment of the Committee on Box-work to have a box-packing at this convention, because no name of a home missionary needing a box could be secured from the General Committee. We hope some arrangement may be made that these names may be secured earlier in the year. We commend Mrs. Wood for her zeal.

We recommend the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLOTTA KUNKELMAN.
MATILDA STEIN.

Adopted.

Motion made to have an intermission of fifteen minutes to finish reports.

Meeting again called to order.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee on Treasurer's Report finds Mrs. Reigle's report correct in every respect.

Respectfully submitted, MISS MATIE MARTIN,
MRS. ALTA A. SCHMEID.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your Committee on Last Year's Minutes, having examined the same, find nothing requiring attention of convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. MILLER,
MRS. G. W. COOK.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee beg to report that the document placed in their hands is a carefully prepared report of the official acts of our worthy President.

It shows that she has been active and efficient in her duties, and the year has been prosperous in our societies.

We commend her report and recommend that her suggestions be adopted, especially the recommendation of the endowment of a bed in India.

Your committee would further recommend that this body extend a vote of thanks to our worthy President for her efficiency, faithfulness, zeal, and enthusiasm with which she has discharged the laborious duties of her office.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN,
MRS. M. D. WILLERT.

Adopted item by item.

On motion, it was decided that the $1,000.00 for the endowment of a bed in India be raised in two years.

Adopted as a whole.

Hymn 336, "Hasten, Lord, the glorious time."

Prayer by President.

Election of Officers.

President—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.

Recording Secretary—Miss Maude Martin.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Motion passed that we accept the invitation, as given by Mrs. S. S. Reigle, to hold next convention in the Kountze Memorial, providing Synod meets in Omaha.

By request, Miss Brewer sang a song in Telugu, which was greatly enjoyed, and also gave a short talk on missions.

Session closed with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Hymn 49.

"Promise Meeting," conducted by Miss Haase.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Letter of greeting and plea for Africa from Mrs. A. Pohlman, read by Mrs. Stahl.

Letter of greeting from Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. Kautz, read.

The letters were highly appreciated.

The "Question Box," conducted by Mrs. L. P. Ludden, proved very profitable to all.

Hymn 114.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

It is with grateful hearts that we note the advancement made in the past year in our society. We have much to rejoice over, and in the name of our Lord go forward with new zeal and courage for another year; therefore,

Resolved, To thank the officers of our convention for their zeal and efficient labors for the past year, and hope the present year will bring us greater returns, the best our society has ever seen.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to those who so willingly contributed to the programme—especially would we mention the Secretaries of our Church Boards, who stopped over on their way to the Synod, and gave us such helpful and inspiring addresses, convincing us of their hearty co-operation with our work; also, Miss Jessie Brewer, our missionary from India, who has proven such a blessing and help to our meetings.

Resolved, That we are sorry that all our delegates were not able to be present.

Resolved, That our gratitude is due those who so beautifully decorated the church.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the pastor, ladies, and friends of the Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln for the cordial welcome they gave us to their church and home, and for the hospitality with which they entertained us.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks for the music rendered by the choir and soloists.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. H. CLAUDIUS,
MRS. GEORGIA JAY.

Report adopted.

The President, Mrs. J. A. Lowe, announced the Standing Committees and Department Secretaries.

(See Directory for names.)

Mrs. E. Bollman, representative of the new Auxiliary of Wolbach, briefly addressed the convention.

On motion, all bills presented by officers were left in hands of Executive Committee.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Opened with solo by Mrs. Hoover.

Isaiah xxxv. read by Miss Charlotta L. Kunkelman.

"Abide with me" was song.

"A Review of Twenty-five Years," by Mrs. M. A. Mostert, proved exceedingly interesting.

Historical Sketch of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Twenty-five years have come and gone and we have reached our Silver Jubilee Anniversary. In the days of old the Jubilee year was a holy and happy time to all in the land. Let us make this Twenty-fifth Convention a milestone in our history, and let the echoes of its praise, prayer, and song go on and on.

As we stand on the mountain to-day, let us take a backward look. Some of our members can take a backward look and recall events of the years past, but there are more who are not so familiar with the origin of our work. The beginning of events are always full of interest, more so if great results come from small beginnings.

ORGANIZATION.

The following has been gathered from the Minutes of Synod since 1878. At the meeting of Synod in 1878 in Nebraska City, Rev. W. A. Lipe offered the following, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, There is an awakening interest in the missionary work of our Synod, and as the success and progress of the work depend on the interest the members of the church take in it; and as the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies has proven itself effectual in fostering such interests; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches the organization of such societies wherever practicable."

Within the Synodical year 1879-1880 the President of Synod, Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer, appointed four ladies of Ponca, viz., Mrs. Sara Childs, Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Mrs. E. K. Rowe, and Mrs. John Stough, with Mrs. G. Nagel (German Secretary), of Barada, to serve as officers of Synodical work during the year. Much credit is due these ladies of Ponca who attended to the perplexing preliminaries previous to Synod of 1880.

A time to organize a Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was set apart by Synod in 1880, at which time, after the reading of the constitution, and an address to the ladies by Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, the society was organized with the following officers: Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, President; Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Vice-President; Miss Lou S. Leisering, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. G. Nagel, German Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. J. P. Schnur, Treasurer.

FIRST CONVENTION, 1880.

The First Convention then met at Ponca. Much praise is due Mrs. Kimmel, who did much to fashion and strengthen it. She was the only delegate to present credentials, and had carried them overland to Ponca, a distance of 80 miles. Verbal reports were given by the ladies present, and the outlook considered encouraging, considering that the oldest Auxiliary had existed but one year and the youngest two months. Three societies reported; five were known. The membership was about fifty, and the collections for the year amounted to $67.10.

SECOND CONVENTION, 1881.

The Second Convention met at Tekamah. Seven delegates responded. There were now seven societies, Omaha, Tekamah, Salem Church, Dakota County, Barada, Roca, West Point, and Oakland. Seventy-four active members were reported, and a collection of $130.65. The first regular programme was presented at this convention.

THIRD CONVENTION, 1882.

This convention met at Waverly, with 12 delegates present; 11 Auxiliaries reported. There were 135 active members and 28 honorary, those taking the *Journal* numbering 84; $90.63 was given to the General Fund and $500.00 to specials.

FOURTH CONVENTION, 1883.

At the Fourth Convention, which met at Tekamah, 14 societies appear; 15 delegates presented themselves. It was reported that 105 took *Journals*, and the membership had reached 181; $328.28 was turned into the General Fund. At this convention it was found best to have reports made systematically, and forms for the same were made and sent to societies for future use.

FIFTH CONVENTION, 1884.

The ladies gathered at Ponca. A report of the work showed 13 societies, 218 active members, 1 life member, 160 *Journals* in the homes, and $289.04 in the treasury during the year. Miss Naoma Knight presented the children's work for the first time.

SIXTH CONVENTION, 1885.

The Sixth Convention sought Lincoln as its meeting place. We were growing and were now able to report 14 societies, with 204 active members; 157 were taking the *Journal*, and $249.26 had been sent to the General Treasurer. The traveling expenses of the Executive Committee were provided for at one of the sessions.

SEVENTH CONVENTION, 1886.

The Seventh Convention convened at Waverly. Three new societies had been organized, making a total of 17, with 240 active members; $293.47 was collected from the several societies. A special effort was made to get tracts and missionary reading matter into all hands.

EIGHTH CONVENTION, 1887.

Beatrice had the honor of entertaining the Eighth Annual Convention. In the reports we noticed the mention of 17 societies, 270 active members; 259 were now taking the *Journal*; $446.67 had been gathered from all sources. Two Mission Bands reported—the one at McCook and one at Omaha, called "Buds of Promise."

NINTH CONVENTION, 1888.

Rising was given this convention. Nineteen societies were now in good working order, with a membership of 275; 168 *Journals* appeared monthly in the homes. The yearly collection amounted to $422.26.

Mrs. Hamma recommended a special meeting as a Thank-offering Service, and referred the ladies to the July *Journal* for further particulars.

TENTH CONVENTION, 1889

Yutan had the honor of having the Tenth Convention. The Synod now possessed 24 societies, with 285 active members; 159 *Journals* were subscribed for, and the financial support amounted to $690.91. Dr. Anna S. Kugler was present. The President, Mrs. Detweiler, presented her with a quilt made by the ladies of Tekamah, to which she replied, "This is the first gift toward furnishing our hospital."

ELEVENTH CONVENTION, 1890.

West Point entertained the Eleventh Convention. Stella reported a Mission Band; 27 societies reported 375 active members. There were now four Mission Bands; $608.36 was the amount collected; 600 tracts had been distributed during the year. The sale of literature at the convention was passed on favorably. An assessment of 10 cents, per member, for Synodical fee was asked, instead of the old plan of $3.00 from each society.

TWELFTH CONVENTION, 1891.

Omaha took care of the Twelfth Convention. Reports showed 28 societies, 330 members, 5 bands; 236 took *Journals*. The amount collected, $556.28. It was urged that the tracts be gotten into all homes.

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION, 1892.

Auburn was kind enough to entertain the ladies this year. The societies had grown to number 29, with 451 active members; 7 Bands reported. The offering for the year was $527.09. It was decided to have a uniform time of meeting in all the societies.

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION, 1893.

Beatrice took her turn in providing accommodations for the convention ladies. For reasons best known to themselves, the foreign-speaking societies withdrew, leaving 23 societies on the roll, with a membership of 380; 209 took *Journals*, 6 Mission Bands reported, $443.94 was collected during the year. An effort was made to collect from clergy books, charts, maps, relics, photos, etc., for a religious exhibition at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago.

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION, 1894.

The Fifteenth Convention met at Lincoln. Twenty-five societies reported 392 members. We were now the proud possessors of seven Mission Bands. From all sources $528.36 was put into the Treasurer's hands.

The little gray thank-offering envelopes made their appearance at this convention.

The ladies sincerely regretted the loss by death of a young and helpful worker in the person of Mrs. L. J. Motschman.

SIXTEENTH CONVENTION, 1895.

To Omaha the convention went on its sixteenth birthday. The total number of societies now numbered only 20, with 392 active members, 41 honorary, and 4 life. But 65 *Journals* were taken. Collections for the year amounted to $442.76.

Rev. Remsberg's new hymn, "My Church, my Church, my dear old Church," was sung for the first time.

Historical Reports were systematized according to a plan given by the General Historian.

Mrs. McCool, a worthy and earnest worker, was missed from the ranks this year. Death claimed her young life.

SEVENTEENTH CONVENTION, 1896.

This convention met at Beatrice, and the delegates reported 15 societies, 3 Bands, 212 active members, 11 honorary, and 3 life members. The *Journal* subscriptions had increased to 105. $371.52 flowed through the Treasurer's purse during the year.

Each Auxiliary was asked to pay 30 cents a year for tracts.

1897.

Owing to death and illness in the families of the highest officers, it was decided to hold no convention this year.

Reports, however, were sent in and show the following totals for the year: Twelve societies, 3 Bands, 212 members, 11 honorary, 3 life. The *Journal* entered 105 homes, and $256.31 was collected.

EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION, 1898.

Omaha extended her hospitality to the ladies. The number of societies remained the same—12 adult and 3 Mission Bands, with 173 active members and 6 honorary; 124 *Journals* were taken. The ingathering for the year amounted to $306.97.

The delegates were especially urged to communicate with their President during the year.

One session was shortened because of the presence of President McKinley in the city.

NINETEENTH CONVENTION, 1899.

Lincoln was the home for this convention a few days.

Thirteen societies were now in good standing and reported 159 active members and 18 honorary. Subscriptions to *Journal* amounted to 87, and collections $349.64.

The annual fee for tracts was raised from 30 to 50 cents a year.

The thank-offering was recorded in the minutes and amounted to $65.00.

TWENTIETH CONVENTION, 1900.

Ponca entertained the ladies with open hands. Twelve societies and three Bands were reported, with 180 active and 14 honorary members. Subscriptions to the *Journal* increased to 144. $298.77 collected.

"Our Young Women, and How to Interest Them in Mission Work," was the special theme, and it was urged that all delegates especially interest the young people and organize societies if possible.

TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION, 1901.

West Point was the destination for the convention ladies this year. Fourteen societies and 2 Bands reported, the membership of the societies numbering 175 active, 17 honorary, and 2 life. The ingathering amounted to $288.74.

Rev. Dr. Barnitz and Rev. Dr. Yarger were both present with messages of cheer.

"Win-One" cards were distributed among the members.

Rev. Dr. Barnitz graciously informed the ladies about box-work.

A Box-work Committee was then appointed.

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION, 1902.

The convention met at Tekamah. In the reports we notice 14 societies,

with 163 active and 19 honorary members; 1 Band, 55 *Journals*, and $328.51 used in mission work.

Many societies reported having studied "Via Christi."

A box was packed at convention by the several Auxiliaries.

Rev. Dr. Barnitz, "the special friend of the West and the Woman's Society," passed to his reward during this year. Appropriate services in his memory were observed.

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION, 1903.

Yutan kindly entertained the ladies this year. We found the following results—17 societies, with 229 active, 11 honorary, and 3 life members. The ladies took 143 *Journals*.

Three Cradle Rolls had made their appearance—$426.14 was collected. Dakota City had the first Home Department.

The State Organizer reported visiting a number of charges and awakened interest in missions. The President, Miss Haase, was made a life member.

More was paid in Synodical fees than ever before.

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION, 1904.

Ponca again received the convention with her usual hospitality. Reports show 16 societies, with 318 active members; 5 Bands, 3 Young People's Societies, and 3 Cradle Rolls.

The Treasurer reported having received $408.76. The thank-offering amounted to $82.59.

It was recommended that we observe the coming convention as our Silver Anniversary and be prepared to make a silver offering.

THE SUMMARY.

1. The smallest collection was $67.10, and the largest, in 1889, was $690.91.

2. The Minutes of the Third and Fourth Conventions are the first printed in our pamphlets; some are bound with those of Synod and some separately. Two of 1898 and 1899 are typewritten, two copies, one for Historian and one for Secretary.

3. The Presidents of the society since its organization are:

Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, 1880-1887; Mrs. J. S. Detweiler, 1887-1888; Mrs. J. G. Griffith, 1888-1891; Mrs. C. W. Baker, 1891-1893; Mrs. O. M. Easterday, 1893-1895; Mrs. H. J. Penfold, 1895-1900; Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, 1900-1905.

4. *Ponca*, the birthplace of the society, has had the convention four times; Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, and Tekamah have each entertained three times; West Point and Yutan twice, and Rising City and Auburn once.

5. The largest number of societies reported was in 1892, when 29 had 451 members and 5 life members. Fifteen churches were assisted with our mites.

We rejoice in the very desirable advances we have made, when we look

back from the twenty-fifth anniversary. When there have been clouds and shadows we have pushed them away. We notice quite a growth and increase. Then nearly all were timid and doubtful of their own strength and ability to lead meetings, prepare programmes, discuss questions, and direct mission work. It was a decided innovation twenty-five years ago for a woman to audibly take part in any meeting. The new woman rose in her might and took her rightful place in the Lutheran Church. To-day Woman's work in missions is a recognized power the world over.

In conclusion, let us remember that this has not all been accomplished by *our* might nor *our* power, but by *my* Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. And let *the Spirit* so guide us in future that in our next twenty-five years we may make even greater advances. "The Lord hath done great things for us, wherefore we are glad. Sing, O daughter of Zion; O Israel, be glad. Rejoice, ye daughters of Jerusalem."

Solo.

The greetings from the former Presidents were full of interest and encouragement for future endeavor.

Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, the first President of the Nebraska Synodical Society, was the only one to present greetings personally. Her presence was greatly appreciated.

Letters of greeting from Mesdames J. S. Detweiler, J. G. Griffith, C. W. Baker, O. M. Easterday, and H. J. Penfold were read by different ladies at convention and were all greatly enjoyed.

Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, the retiring President, spoke a few words of her work of the past five years, and in a very touching manner presented the new President, who, in turn, gave a very pleasing address, speaking of the work of the future.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle, in a very effective manner, conducted the reception of the Silver Anniversary Offering. As the name of the society was called, its delegate presented its offering in a silver envelope and repeated a portion of Scripture. The offerings were as follows: Benedict, $1.00; Beatrice, $1.75; Dakota City, $4.00; Grace Church, Burt County, $5.00; Lincoln, $3.00; Omaha, $5.00; Rising City, $5.25; Roca, $1.15; Tekamah, $2.00; Wolbach, $0.25; Yutan, $2.50; evening collection, $2.10; total, $33.00.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Anthem by choir.

Miss Elizabeth S. Haase conducted a short closing service, closing with "God be with you till we meet again."

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. W. Kimmel, Lincoln.

The President, Mrs. J. A. Lowe, then declared the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska adjourned.

HOPE C. LARSON,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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Rev. W. T. Kahse.

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Mr. Paul Kuhns, one year.

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Rev. L. Groh, D. D., two years, Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy, one year,
Rev. J. E. Hummon, one year.

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Rev. J. W. Ball, Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, Rev. Ralph W. Livers,
Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. J. Philip Anshutz.

SPEAKERS FOR 1907.

Wednesday Night.

Synodical Sermon. Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., *President.*

Thursday Night.

Home Missions.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Rev. Luther P. Ludden, D. D.	Rev. M. L. Melick.

Church Extension.

Rev. George W. Livers, Rev. J. Philip Anshutz.

Friday Night.

Deaconess Work.

Rev. J. S. Leamer. Rev. E. H. Combs.

Education.

Rev. L. L. Lipe. Rev. R. A. White.

Saturday Night.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. Roy M. Badger. Rev. W. F. Poot.

Saturday Afternoon (3 o'clock).

Preparatory.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis. Rev. E. Bollman.

Sunday Morning.

Communion.

Rev. L. J. Powell. Rev. N. A. Whitman.

Evening.

Ordination.

Rev. C. Rollin Sherck. Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—September 11th, 1907.
Place—Grand Island, Neb.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Grace Lutheran Church, of Omaha, September 12th to 16th, 1906, Rev. M. L. Melick, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D. Text: Rev. xi. 15.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer.

Synod was formally opened at 9 o'clock by the President.

The roll was called and the credentials of the lay delegates were received.

Synodical Roll.

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D.	1841	Crete.	
2	J. Zimmerman.	1856	Lincoln.	
3	S. L. Aughey, D. D., *a. e.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
4	J. F. Kuhlman, *a. e.*	1858	Goodland, Kan.	
5	J. G. Groenmiller, D.D., *a.e.*	1858	Accident, Md.	
6	B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
7	L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha	C. D. Shultz.
8	J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Denver, Col.	
9	M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.	1866	Rising City	A. Towner.
10	J. L. Hammond	1870	Waverly.	
11	L. L. Lipe	1871	West Point.	G. A. Heller, *a. e.*
12	D. Z. Foulk, *a.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
13	I. N. Augustine, *a.*	1874	Grand Island.	
14	J. A. Koser	1874	Nebraska City	G. H. Mayer.
15	J. A. Lowe, Ph.D.	1876	Beatrice	P. A. Bindernagel.
16	N. A. Whitman	1877	Pawnee City.	
17	G. W. Fraser	1877	Omaha.	
18	L. P. Ludden, D. D.	1878	Lincoln.	
19	A. T. Ludwig, *a.*	1879	Jamestown, Mo.	
20	Henry Heiner	1879	Lincoln.	
21	W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Steinauer.	
22	M. L. Melick	1880	Omaha	J. F. Smith.
23	M. F. Troxell, D. D.	1881	Atchison, Kan.	
24	L. M. Kuhns, *a. e.*	1885	Omaha.	
25	H. J. Hapeman, *a. e.*	1886	Byers, Col.	
26	R. A. White	1886	York.	
27	E. Bollman	1889	Wolbach	G. E. Martinsen, Jr.
28	S. R. Elson, *a. e.*	1889	Omaha.	
29	J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte	Andrew Yost.
30	W. C. Eckert, *a. e.*	1891	Dakota City.	
31	J. S. Leamer	1894	Sidney	F. G. Griffith, *a. e.*
32	C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne	Silas Melick, *a. e.*
33	J. W. Ball	1894	Lincoln.	
34	H. A. Wolfe	1894	McCool Junction.	C. E. Gilliland, *a. e.*
35	C. Rollin Sherck	1894	Lincoln	Dr. A. T. Peters.
36	W. S. Oberholtzer	1895	Dakota City.	George Bates, *a. e.*
37	M. D. Berg	1896	Ponca	S. P. Mikeselle, *a. e.*
38	W. F. Poot, LL.D.	1899	Tekamah	G. A. Crannell.
39	G. W. Livers.	1899	Benedict.	
40	Elmer H. Combs, *a. e.*	1899	Homer.	
41	J. Philip Anshutz	1900	Auburn.	
42	John E. Hummon.	1901	Omaha	M. W. Swain.

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused.

Synodical Roll.—*Concluded.*

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
43	Roy M. Badger	1902	Hardy	Henry Garman, *a. e.*
44	W. T. Kahse	1903	Grand Island	I. M. Augustine.
45	Charles H. B. Lewis	1904	Wilber	Emil Shimonek, *a. e.*
46	L. J. Powell	1904	Sutherland	
47	Gustav Klatt	1905	Stamford	
48	Ralph Livers	1905	South Omaha	T. S. Wogensen.
49	W. C. Heidenreich	1906	Oshkosh	
50	George N. Mendenhall	1896	Atchison, Kan.	J. Alfred Johnson,
51	Charles R. Lowe	1906	Atchison, Kan.	Ericson P. O.
..	.....	....	Stella	W. H. Hogrefe.
..	.....	....	Yutan	J. Bender.
..	.....	....	Sioux	G. L. Boals, Jr.

a. e. Absent and excused.

On motion, Mr. J. Bender, of Yutan, was received as the representative of his congregation, and he was given all the privileges of Synod.

The President's Report was read and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

President's Report.

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

We have assembled in thirty-fourth annual convention of the Nebraska Synod. It is not unto us, but unto the Triune God that all glory belongs for the achievements of the year, and the gracious conditions under which we come together. Health has been granted, for the most part, to pursue our labor, though the angel touched and stilled the heart of one whose name is upon our roll, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, one of the pioneers of this Synod, in whose memory you will, at suitable time, express true and lasting appreciation. The year has been one of peace and industrial prosperity throughout the State and nation, in which the churches have shared, making repairs and improvements, and erecting new buildings. There is material

progress all along the line, and we trust that other reports will show spiritual life in even greater degree. A great work is committed unto us in Nebraska, and if we are true to the trust, a great future is before us. But who is sufficient for these things? As we apply ourselves to the joyous labors of this convention, let us supplicate a throne of sovereign grace for strength and wisdom and brotherly love, and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the churches. Following is a brief statement of my official acts during the year, and of the more important events that have occurred in our churches:

PASTORS DISMISSED.

Rev. J. W. Poot, having accepted a call to the church at Millersburg, Ind., was granted a letter of dismissal to the Synod of Northern Indiana on the 9th day of May, 1906.

A letter of dismissal was given to Rev. Oscar Woods transferring his name to the roll of the Rocky Mountain Synod, on November 1, 1905.

PASTORS RECEIVED.

Rev. C. Rollin Sherck, from the Iowa Synod, October 19th, 1905.

Rev. J. Philip Anshutz, from the Rocky Mountain Synod, January 14th, 1906.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Tekamah, Neb., after a vacancy of more than one year, extended a call to Dr. W. F. Poot, who accepted and took charge in March, 1906.

Rev. C. Rollin Sherck accepted a call from Lincoln, Grace Lutheran Church, and began work as pastor in October, 1905.

In January, 1906, Rev. J. Philip Anshutz accepted a call and took charge of the church in South Auburn.

SUPPLIES AND AD INTERIM LICENSE.

Upon the recommendation of the Examining Committee, *ad interim* licensure till the meeting of Synod was issued to the following brethren:

Mr. Charles R. Lowe, July 10th, who had been called to supply the church at Davenport.

Mr. William C. Heidenreich, who had been commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to begin the work at Oshkosh and Lewellen May 23d, 1906.

Mr. George N. Mendenhall, commissioned to supply the field at Ericson and Bartlett, Neb., June 9th, 1906.

Before requesting Brother Mendenhall to take up this work, I visited the field in company with Rev. E. Bollman, within whose mission field it lies. The little church stands about forty miles from Wolback. Many settlers have moved into that part of the State, and it appeared probable that new work could be inaugurated at Bartlett and Pibel, but the summer's work has not revealed much to encourage the effort at these points. Our young brother has cheerfully gone for two summers into this field of little promise and little reward financially; he has given good proof of his ministry, and that he is willing to endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

INSTALLATIONS.

By appointment of the President of Synod, Rev. M. D. Berg, who delivered charge to the pastor, and Rev. E. H. Combs, who delivered charge to the congregation, installed Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer at Salem, on Thursday, April 5th, and Dakota City, Neb., on Wednesday, April 4th, 1906.

Rev. L. J. Powell, of Sutherland, was installed as pastor on October 29th, by Dr. L. P. Ludden, who delivered charge to the pastor in the morning at Sutherland, and in the evening to the people at Paxton, and by Rev. John F. Seibert, who delivered charge to the people at Sutherland, and to the pastor at Paxton.

Rev. J. W. Kimmel, delivering charge to the pastor, and Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., to the people, installed Rev. C. Rollin Sherck as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb., December 3d, 1905.

On Sunday, July 29th, 1906, Rev. R. W. Livers was regularly installed as pastor of the Mission in South Omaha. Address to the pastor was delivered by Rev. J. A. Lowe, and that to the people by Dr. M. F. Troxell.

NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED AND OCCUPATION OF NEW POINTS.

By advice of Advisory Board of Home Missions, Mr. John Sorensen, student of Western Theological Seminary, was commissioned June 7th, 1906, at a salary of $100, to take up the work at Benson, a suburb of Omaha. The initial effort had been made at this place last year by Rev. R. W. Livers, and fostered through the winter by the self-sacrificing care of Rev. M. L. Melick. Mr. Sorensen has made an effort to raise money for lot and building, and reports over $1000 subscribed for that purpose.

Grace Lutheran Church of Lewellen, Neb., with 19 charter members, on September 2d, 1906, by Rev. W. C. Heidenreich. The work is encouraging and application will be made to Synod for the new congregation to become a member thereof. Also by the same brother at Oshkosh on September 9th, 1906. We heartily welcome the new congregations and the young pastor to our body.

VACANCIES.

Davenport charge, consisting of Christ's Church, and St. Paul's in Carlisle, has been without a pastor during the year. A debt of $700 discouraged the brethren and they did not call a pastor, but they cordially accepted the services of Mr. Charles R. Lowe, student of Western Theological Seminary, during this summer's vacation, who has supplied them regularly from June 1st to September 10th. They report $58.62 paid on apportionment, funds raised to cancel their debt, and a call extended to Rev. J. M. Herbst, of Effingham, Kans.

Yutan has remained vacant. Mr. Fred R. White, student, supplied Yutan and the Lutheran brethren at Walton, very acceptably this summer.

Stella has remained vacant since the resignation of Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., in March.

It is a cause of profound gratitude to God that so few vacancies exist. Our persistent efforts to find men and place them in touch with charges that will extend them a call imparts great joy when it is successful; but we so often fail and we are made to feel that the gain of a good man for the Nebraska Synod is the loss of him for some other Synod, that we are overwhelmed by the sense of our need—men, *more men*. The harvest fields are white; pray for laborers. Lay the burden upon the hearts of our own sons, and upon the fair sons of our people. Put soul saving above commerce, and the joys of the ministry above the delights of successful business. God will continue to hear the cry, and will more largely supply men for the waste places.

NEW BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, DEBTS PAID.

Kountze Memorial, Omaha, Neb., Rev. J. E. Hummon, pastor.—All is reported prosperous with this church. During the year they have completed and dedicated free of all indebtedness a church building at a cost of $102,000, and have secured property between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Streets, including two houses, with lots 132 feet deep, paying $25,000 for the same. It is now estimated that the value of their property, enhanced by the increased value of real estate in Omaha, is about $140,000. The feast of dedication was held during the week beginning Sunday, May 27th, 1906, on which day the consecration service took place at 3.30 P. M., with sermon by Rev. David H. Bauslin, D. D., President of Wittenberg Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ohio.

Sermons and addresses were also delivered during the week by the following Lutheran clergymen: Drs. A. J. Turkle, F. D. Altman, D. H. Bauslin, H. L. Yarger, L. P. Ludden, L. Groh, and Rev. L. M. Kuhns, and Drs. C. C. Cissel and H. C. Herring, pastors of other than Lutheran churches in Omaha.

The Synod rejoices greatly with the pastor and members of the Kountze Memorial in the great things God has done for them, confident that the material prosperity He has bestowed upon them, and the consecration of their substance to Him, has opened the way for greater and more successful activity

in the Lord's work, and for receiving richer spiritual blessings from the Lord's hand.

Hardy, Neb.—Union Church, at Hardy, Neb., Rev. Roy M. Badger, pastor, laid the corner-stone of a new house of worship, July 1st, 1906. Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, was present with the pastor, and preached in connection with the ceremonies of the day. The new building is well under way, and will be completed at a cost of about $6000. We congratulate pastor and people on their splendid progress.

St. Paul's Church, South Auburn, after a vacancy of several months, called Rev. J. Philip Anshutz, and under his leadership began to take on a new and vigorous life.

They rejoice in the payment of apportionment with some excess, in the cancellation of debts to the amount of $200.00, in repairs to the amount of $500.00 upon the church and parsonage, roofing, papering, calcimining, placing linoleum, cement sidewalks, Books of Worship, Sunday school song-books, and other needed helps and improvements. A very active Ladies' Aid Society, and the leadership of the pastor's wife are credited in part with this aggressive work. We bespeak for the church at South Auburn and Brother Anshutz, a prosperous and blessed future.

Homer, St. Paul's Church, with Grace Church of South Sioux City, Elmer H. Combs, pastor, are to be congratulated upon the erection of a new parsonage at a cost of $1346.19, bearing upon the same a small debt of only $287.19. This is a very commendable move, solving many difficult and troublesome details of church life and activity. We trust that every church in the Synod not having one will secure a residence in the near future.

A new parsonage, and a new wife in it, will certainly ensure happiness to Brother Combs and the church at Homer.

Sidney, Neb., Rev. J. S. Leamer, pastor, rejoices in new electric lights in the church; and in the parsonage, city water and other improvements.

Stella, Neb.—Trinity Lutheran Church, at the close of Dr. W. F. Poot's eighteen months' service, reports extension of platform and altar rail, new gasoline lighting fixtures, new Books of Worship, new brick walk and concrete steps. At the parsonage, plastering and papering, outside painting, and the enlargement of the kitchen. The church is in a prosperous condition financially.

NEW BUILDING AT OSHKOSH, $425.00 SUBSCRIBED.

The new congregation at Oshkosh, under the care of Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, reports progress in subscription for a new building.

Grace Lutheran Church, of Omaha, Rev. M. L. Melick, pastor, presents to us, assembled in convention, the sight of new carpets and other improvements, at a cost of $279.00.

Benedict, Neb.—Rev. George R. Livers, pastor, reports new pews in their church, and improvements in their parsonage, at a cost of $225.00.

St. Mark's Church, Omaha, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., pastor, laid the corner-stone of a new house of worship on Sunday, August 19th, 1906. Rev. J. E. Hummon delivered the address. The ceremonies were participated in by the Omaha brethren of our Synod, and Rev. G. W. Snyder, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The building will be completed at a cost of about $12,000. Dr. Groh has conducted the work of St. Mark's for ten years, and there is every evidence of progress to still better things.

Grand Island, Rev. W. T. Kahse, pastor, reports subscription of $3000.00 for erecting an addition to the church, chiefly for use of the Sunday school.

The Salem church of Dakota, Neb., Rev W. S. Oberholtzer, pastor, reports new cement sidewalks at an expense of $60.00.

Beatrice, Neb., Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., pastor, at a cost of $286.00, have put new and beautiful windows in their house of worship.

The Waverly Church, under the zealous leadership of Rev. J. L. Hammond, improved their house of worship at an expense of $167.00.

June 17th, 1906, the church at Wilber, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, pastor, committed to the flames its mortgage of $325.00. Fixtures for city water have been placed in the parsonage by the young people, and other improvements indicate their life and activity.

At a cost of $300.00, of course paid for, Rev. John F. Seibert reports new cement walks around both sides of the church and parsonage at North Platte, Neb.

Rising City, under the pastoral care of Rev. M. L. Kunkelman spent $100.00 in repairs on parsonage during the year.

Stamford, Neb., Rev. Gustav Klatt, pastor, has improved the church and built a parsonage, in all at a cost of $1800.00.

VISITS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

During the year I have not been able to answer all the urgent appeals for a visit that have come to me on account of my own pastoral work. I have in many cases delegated others, and have myself visited Benson, Davenport, Ericson, McCool Junction, South Auburn, South Omaha, and Walton, incurring an expense of $9.00. The telephone has been used eight times, and I have written 334 letters, altogether at an expense of $13.73.

While striving to be conservative, I have acted upon the supposition that every effort should be made to promote the prosperity of churches and supply vacant pulpits with suitable pastors.

And now, in returning to you the trust which you had committed to me one year ago, I desire to express my thanks for the confidence it implied, and the loving, generous help you have given, making it uniformly a pleasure to serve you, conscious of many defects, but confident that God has often

guided where we could not clearly see, let us take up the work before us in His name and to His glory, with victorious faith and enthusiasm. Amen.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. LOWE.

The Treasurer's report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee :

Treasurer's Report.

Brethren of the Synod of Nebrasha :

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual report as Treasurer for the year ending September 5th, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report		$733 43
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$882 85	
Synodical Mission Fund	256 05	
Special Pledges	22 00	
		1160 90
Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$701 04	
First Seventy	10 00	
		$711 04
Received for Educational Purposes—		
Board of Education	$371 01	
Ministerial Education	234 85	
Midland College Library	7 00	
		612 86
Received for Church Extension		644 40
Received for Synodical Treasury		295 83
Received for Deaconess Board		187 14
Received for Pastors' Fund		176 05
Received for Orphans' Home		151 77
Received for National Lutheran Home		128 07
Received for General Synod		54 61
Total		$4856 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		$926 87
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		726 39
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		655 47
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		375 36
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		181 49
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund		174 67
Paid Treasurer of Orphans' Home		155 87
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		124 97
Paid Treasurer of General Synod		56 41
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		7 00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—		
Ralph W. Livers	$75 00	
R. A. White	59 00	
John Sorensen	100 00	
J. L. Powell	11 00	
J. W. Ball	50	
J. F. Seibert	5 00	
		250 50
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
J. W. Poot, Jr.	$125 00	
J. C. Hershey	100 00	
Martin Mortensen	100 00	
		325 00
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Lutheran Publication Society	$196 78	
Paul Springer	13 65	
Joseph H. Miller	9 50	
John F. Seibert	12 00	
Nebraska Staats Zeitung	3 50	
J. A. Lowe	5 00	
J. S. Leamer	1 25	

M. L. Melick	$2 00	
C. J. Ringer	2 50	
Charles H. B. Lewis	3 00	
		$249 18
Cash on hand		646 92
Total		$4856 10

The cash on hand is distributed as follows—

Ministerial Education	$405 89	
Synodical Mission Fund	124 03	
Synodical Treasury	58 22	
Various Boards	58 78	
Total	$646 92	

The total received during the year, $4,122.67, which is $220.15 more than received last year up to closing of books.

Collected $60.00 from former beneficiary students.

Out of 41 congregations, 23 exceeded the apportionment, 5 just met it, and 13 fell short. However, the spirit of more liberal giving is growing among our people, which is to be commended.

The Synod raised 97.15 per cent. of her apportionment, overpaying some objects, and falling short on others. Let the watchword for the coming year be 100 per cent., and all General Synod objects met in full before meeting of that body.

I hereby express my heartfelt gratitude for the courtesies and support extended me the past year by the members of your body as its Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEYS RECEIVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 6.

West Point	$42 61
Lincoln	18 55
Stamford	5 00
Davenport	13 32
Davenport, St. Paul's	2 75
York	10 25
Beatrice	3 00
Total	$95 48
Present amount on hand	$742 40

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Treasurer's Exhibit for the

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.	
			Regular.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Auburn	$1 26	$6 40	$17 64	$7 23	.....	$15 75	.....
Beatrice	2 88	14 40	51 17	10 75	.....	36 00	.....
Benedict, Bethel	68	3 40	9 52	3 40	.....	8 50	.....
Benedict, Zion	1 94	9 70	27 26	9 70	.....	24 25	.....
Dakota City, Immanuel	62	4 10	9 16	7 00	.....	13 00	.....
Dakota City, Salem	1 74	8 70	25 36	8 70	.....	22 75	.....
Davenport	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 62	.....
Davenport, St. Paul	44	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ericson	32	1 60	4 50	1 81	.....	4 00	.....
Grand Island	3 75	12 50	38 91	13 69	.....	31 25	.....
Hardy	1 34	6 70	12 76	6 70	.....	16 75	.....
Hardy, Jewell	30	1 50	4 20	1 50	.....	3 75	.....
Homer	90	3 75	12 58	6 45	.....	9 66	.....
Lincoln	.....	.....	69 14	.....	.....	27 63	.....
McCool Junction	1 52	4 00	8 45	3 00	.....	10 00	$10 00
Nebraska City	2 04	10 20	30 61	10 20	.....	27 50	.....
North Platte	3 20	17 00	56 85	22 00	$7 00	40 20	.....
Omaha, Grace	2 22	11 10	37 63	.....	.....	25 32	.....
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	6 00	30 00	99 00	30 00	.....	75 00	.....
Omaha, St. Mark's	1 58	7 90	22 12	.....	.....	49 75	.....
Pawnee City	88	4 40	18 12	4 40	.....	11 00	.....
Paxton	52	2 60	10 23	4 10	.....	8 36	.....
Ponca	2 00	10 00	36 20	10 00	.....	35 00	.....
Rising City	1 46	7 30	35 81	7 30	.....	23 25	.....
Roca	50	2 50	6 80	2 50	.....	6 15	.....
Sidney	96	4 80	12 00	3 80	.....	8 14	.....
Sidney, St. Paul	44	2 20	3 00	.....	.....	73	.....
South Sioux	70	3 50	10 10	1 00	.....	3 00	.....
South Omaha	50	2 50	7 00	37	.....	.....	.....
Stella	1 46	7 30	20 44	7 30	.....	18 25	.....
Surprise	1 00	5 00	20 82	9 03	.....	17 50	.....
Sutherland	48	2 88	9 94	4 60	.....	9 03	.....
Tekamah, Immanuel	74	3 70	10 36	3 70	.....	9 25	.....
Tekamah, Grace	.....	.....	7 76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waverly	94	4 70	13 16	4 70	.....	11 75	.....
Wayne	2 00	10 00	20 75	6 70	.....	5 00	.....
West Point	4 14	20 70	36 18	20 70	.....	36 16	.....
Wilber	1 14	5 70	22 67	5 70	.....	20 27	.....
Wolbach	94	4 70	17 21	4 70	15 00	11 75	.....
York	70	3 50	9 80	3 50	.....	5 85	.....
Yutan	38	1 90	3 27	1 90	.....	2 90	.....
Bartlett	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walway	.....	.....	4 81	.....	.....	.....	.....
Offerings of Synod	.....	3 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
J. S. Wilson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otto F. L. Herse	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. Luther M. Kuhns	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. F. D. Altman	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Rev. A. T. Ludwig	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. W. Ball	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. L. P. Ludden	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. W. F. Eyster	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. H. J. Hapeman	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. H. Link	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. M. F. Troxell	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. G. W. Gettle	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. Zimmerman	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. D. Z. Foulk	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. I. N. Augustine	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. S. L. Aughey	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Totals	$54 61	$295 83	$882 85	$256 05	$22 00	$701 04	$10 00

Synodical Year.

Church Extension.	Education. Board of Education.	Education. Ministerial Education.	Education. Midland College.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Totals.	Paid Toward External Objects.	Per Cent. Paid on Apportionment.
$12 60	$7 56	$4 41	.....	$6 41	$8 77	$12 82	$5 15	$106 00	.....	121.92
28 80	17 28	10 08	.....	10 08	.....	10 08	7 20	198 72	.....	100.00
6 80	4 08	2 38	.....	2 38	1 70	2 38	1 70	46 92	.....	100.00
19 40	11 64	6 79	.....	6 79	4 85	6 79	4 85	133 96	.....	100.07
13 90	3 72	2 17	.....	2 17	1 55	2 17	1 55	66 11	.....	154.53
33 40	10 44	6 09	.....	6 09	4 35	6 09	4 35	138 06	.....	114.99
.....	12 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	46 69	.....	33.77
4 40	2 64	1 54	.....	1 54	1 10	1 54	1 10	14 50	.....	47.54
3 24	1 92	1 12	.....	1 12	3 30	1 12	1 22	25 27	.....	114.44
59 60	20 10	18 75	.....	8 75	15 00	16 91	11 00	250 21	.....	145.04
13 40	8 04	4 69	.....	4 69	3 35	4 69	3 35	92 46	.....	100.00
3 00	2 00	1 05	.....	1 05	75	1 70	75	21 55	.....	104.10
7 00	6 74	2 60	$4 00	3 50	9 00	3 50	1 90	71 58	$4 00	139.91
25 00	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 27	.....	50.68
8 00	5 37	3 00	.....	.....	3 80	.....	.....	57 14	10 00	44.94
20 40	12 24	7 14	.....	7 14	5 10	7 14	5 10	144 81	.....	102.87
38 79	21 91	11 20	3 00	12 00	9 00	11 20	8 00	261 35	10 00	113.83
27 20	8 00	.....	.....	5 13	.....	5 55	.....	122 15	.....	79.39
60 00	36 00	21 00	.....	21 00	15 00	21 00	15 00	429 00	.....	103.62
15 80	19 48	.....	.....	.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	124 63	.....	114.31
8 80	14 08	3 08	.....	3 08	2 20	3 08	2 20	75 32	.....	107.55
7 10	3 12	1 82	.....	1 82	1 30	1 82	1 30	44 09	.....	122.88
36 25	12 00	7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	172 51	.....	125.00
24 60	8 79	5 11	.....	5 11	3 65	5 11	3 65	131 14	.....	130.17
5 50	3 00	1 70	.....	1 70	1 25	1 70	1 25	34 55	.....	104.37
8 00	4 24	3 36	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	47 30	.....	71.40
1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 39	.....	30.59
2 30	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 45	80	1 00	27 85	.....	57.66
5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	24 37	.....	70.63
14 60	8 76	5 11	.....	5 11	3 65	5 11	3 65	100 74	.....	100.00
24 00	16 67	3 50	.....	3 97	3 00	3 90	2 90	111 31	.....	161.30
10 94	2 88	1 68	.....	1 68	1 20	2 20	1 20	48 71	.....	147.07
7 40	5 78	2 59	.....	2 59	5 88	2 59	1 85	56 43	.....	110.51
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 76	.....	14.41
9 40	5 88	3 29	.....	3 29	2 69	3 29	2 35	65 44	.....	100.89
11 00	8 25	7 50	.....	5 00	5 70	.....	.....	82 00	.....	55.53
36 16	24 84	14 49	.....	14 49	10 35	14 49	10 35	243 05	.....	84.08
11 40	6 84	4 00	.....	4 00	4 52	4 00	2 85	93 09	.....	118.21
9 40	5 64	3 29	.....	3 29	3 00	3 29	2 35	84 56	15 00	107.24
7 00	4 20	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	1 75	38 05	.....	78.78
3 82	2 28	1 32	.....	1 33	3 31	1 33	95	24 69	.....	94.16
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....
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$644 40	$371 01	$234 85	$7 00	$176 05	$152 77	$187 14	$128 07	$4122 67	$39 00	97.35

Election of Officers.

President—Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.
Secretary—Rev. J. S. Leamer.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. C. J. Ringer.
Treasurer—J. H. Miller, M. D.
Historian—Rev. M. L. Melick.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was made, and the report adopted.

Rev. E. F. Hantel was introduced to Synod as the fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, and brought greetings of that body.

Rev. J. F. Krueger, of Fremont, was received and given a seat in the Synod and the privileges of the floor.

On motion, it was decided to set apart the hour of 3 o'clock P. M. as the time for hearing Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, in behalf of that institution.

The report of the special committee on the letter from Christian Jensen was heard.

Report of the Committee on Letter of Christian Jensen.

Your committee, to whom was referred the letter of Christian Jensen, of Germany, touching the work of English in the schools of Germany, would report that while there has been some correspondence along this line, and a number of conferences, that no definite plan has been mapped out as yet. We recommend that the committee be continued, and that Rev. W. T. Kahse be made committee for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

List of the committees as made by the President :

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Rev. R. A. White, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, Mr. Andrew Yost, and Mr. P. A. Bindernagel.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D., and Rev. N. A. Whitman.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. W. T. Kahse, and Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D.

5. *Committee on State of Religion*—Rev. M. D. Berg, Rev. W. F. Kahse, and Rev. W. C. Heidenreich.

6. *Committee on Excuses*—Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer, and Rev. J. W. Ball.

7. *Committee on Leave of Absence*—Rev. G. W. Livers, Rev. J. Philip Anshutz, and Mr. C. D. Shultz.

8. *Committee on Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., and Rev. C. Rollin Sherck.

9. *Committee on Resolutions*—Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, Rev. J. E. Hummon, and Rev. R. W. Livers.

10. *Apportionment Committee*—Rev. Roy Badger, Rev. L. J. Powell, and Dr. Joseph H. Miller.

11. *Committee on Vacancies*—Rev. C. J. Ringer, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., and Mr. M. W. Swain.

12. *Calendar Committee*—Rev. J. F. Seibert, Rev. L. L. Lipe, and Dr. A. T. Peters.

13. *Committee on Sunday Services*—Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. J. S. Leamer, and Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

Dr. Troxell was given the floor to make a verbal report of the work of the Nachusa Orphanage, and it was cheering to hear of the good work that was being done.

In the absence of a representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Poot had been asked by the President, prior to the meeting of Synod, to present the work, and he was now given an opportunity to tell of that important work.

The hours set for the sessions of Synod were 8.30 to 11.30 A. M. and 2 to 4.45 P. M. The evening services to begin at 8 o'clock.

On motion, Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., and Dr. A. T. Peters were appointed an Obituary Committee.

On motion, the following committee was appointed on the Reception of New Congregations: Rev. J. L. Sorensen, Rev. Gustav Klatt, and Mr. J. S. Wagensen.

On motion, it was made the special order to hear the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies immediately after Dr. Troxell in the afternoon session.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Rev. G. W. Snyder, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was introduced to Synod and given a seat as a corresponding member.

Rev. E. Walter, of Hooper, was presented to Synod and invited to a seat in the body.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented and adopted seriatim.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report that the work submitted to our supervision has received prompt and careful attention.

Three young men, pursuing their studies at our institutions at Atchison, have received aid from the educational funds of Synod during the year, viz., John C. Hershey, of the middle class of the preparatory department; Martin Mortensen, and John W. Poot, both of the junior class of the same department. Hershey and Mortensen received $100.00 each, while the latter, Poot, received $125.00.

On strength of the representation made upon the floor of Synod that J. W. Poot was prepared to enter the freshman class of college, Synod appropriated $125.00 in behalf of this brother. When the chairman of your committee learned that the young man was classed a junior preparatorian, he hesitated in granting order for the full amount of this appropriation. He visited the brother and had a personal conversation with him in regard to the matter. He then stated the facts to each member of the committee, and was unanimously advised that inasmuch as Synod had made the appropriation, order should be issued for the entire amount.

Reports of the work done by these young men make a good showing in most departments, and indicate that they have all been measurably diligent, and have made commendable progress.

J. R. Engar, who received some aid the year prior, did not renew his application, but has continued his studies.

Frederick White spent but a short time at college, and made no request for aid. He has, however, since renewed his application in order to resume his work as a member of the junior class of college. We would recommend that an appropriation of $125.00 be made in his behalf.

Martin Mortensen has renewed his application. He will be a member of the middle class in the preparatory department We would recommend that he receive aid to the extent of $100.00.

An application in due form has been received from Charles B. Whitman. This young man was requested to repair to Midland College at the recent opening, with the understanding that aid will be granted him. The brother seems to be qualified to enter the senior class of the preparatory department. We would recommend that $100.00 be appropriated in his behalf.

J. W. Poot has not renewed his application, and informs your committee that owing to financial embarrassment he will not return to college. We recommend that the rule of Synod be applied.

John Hershey has not renewed his application, and will not return to college.

Your committee has complied with instructions of Synod with reference to application forms (see page 23 of last minutes). Three hundred have been prepared and are now in use.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
JOHN F. SEIBERT,
C. J. RINGER.

Supplemental Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

We, your committee, would further recommend that John Sorensen, a student at Atchison, Kansas, who is partly within the college and partly within the seminary, be granted aid to the extent of not more than $125.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
JOHN F. SEIBERT,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
C. J. RINGER.

Adopted as a whole.

The committee was instructed to correspond with Mr. John Hershey and learn his intentions for the future as regards his continuing his studies for the ministry.

The following reporters were appointed:

City Papers—Rev. C. R. Lowe.
Lutheran World—Rev. C. H. B. Lewis.
Lutheran Observer—Rev. Ralph Livers.
Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. W. T. Kahse.

The report of the Trustees to Midland College was read.

The time for the special order having arrived, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., was given the floor to present the work of Mid-

land College. He spoke of the splendid opening of the year's work, which promises to be the best in the history of the institution. The encouraging features were many new students, a full corps of teachers, and no debts.

The report of the Trustees of Midland College was again taken up and adopted.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

Your Trustees of Midland College would report as follows:

The annual meeting of the Board was held June 6th, with more than two-thirds of the members present. Because of pressing duties incident to dedication of church, Rev. Hummon was unable to attend.

The reports of the year submitted by President Troxell and the Executive Committee were highly gratifying. The financial exhibit showed the college had closed the year with all expenses paid and with more than $1,000.00 in the treasury. This was largely due to the generous assistance of the Board of Education, which, during the year, had contributed the splendid sum of $7,600.00 toward the maintenance of the institution. The total student enrollment was 192, against 173 for the preceding year. In the college and academy classes there was an increase of about twenty per cent., and it is encouraging to note that the session just begun has commenced most auspiciously, there being a considerable increase over the opening of last year. There is some indication that the city of Atchison is beginning to manifest a larger interest in the college. The election of Mr. Joseph Petrea, of the class of 1906, as a teacher in the Atchison High School, making the second of Midland's graduates on that teaching corps, will help turn the attention of those pupils toward the college. President Troxell is keenly alert to the advantage of a greater local pride and enthusiasm for Midland, and is dilligently working to keep the college before the public and make it more of a factor in the life of the city.

Our people will rejoice that several advance steps were consummated. The chair of mathematics and astronomy and of the natural sciences was divided, and Profs. W. E. Anderson and D. W. Crouse were permanently elected to these professorships and were regularly installed during the Trustees' meeting. Both are young men, graduates of Wittenberg College, are well qualified for their positions, and, during the year, are said to have manifested enthusiasm, teaching ability, and a commendable interest in the student body. Their salaries were fixed at $1,200.00 each, and the salary of Professor Foght, Principal of the academy and instructor of pedagogy, was raised from $1,000.00 to that amount.

An adequate heating plant has been a real necessity for some years, and, though the expense will be considerable, the Executive Committee was empowered to install the same.

The plan proposed for raising $15,000.00 for library endowment, necessary to meet the condition of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, to receive from him a like amount for a library building, was endorsed and a special committee appointed actively to prosecute the work of raising the required amount. The hope is to raise the entire sum during this year, the half of which is now in sight, and to this end there should be loyal co-operation of our pastors and people.

The laboratory equipment was ordered to be considerably increased by the purchase of such additional apparatus as may be needed for the most efficient work.

The announcement of the President, in answer to inquiry of the Board, that the several members of the faculty had promised to be subject to call for at least a month during the vacation to canvass for an enlarged enrollment and work otherwise in the interest of the college, was received with pleasure, as there is a growing desire, amounting in some instances almost to a demand, on the part of Synods and constituency, that the enthusiastic, active support of all in connection with the college, so much needed, be given for the building up of the greater Midland.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was granted to Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, the General Secretary of the Board of Education. This was an honor worthily bestowed, as Dr. Gotwald is a man of scholarly attainments, successful in the pastorate, and it was largely through his leadership that the Board of Education was in a position to aid the college so liberally last year. Moreover, it was his brother, the now sainted Rev. George D. Gotwald, who provided the endowment for the President's chair at Midland.

Midland College is growing in strength and usefulness to our Church on this territory. Already about a third of the Nebraska Synod's pastors have received their education there. An increasing number are in preparation for the holy office, while many others are being sent forth to take places of leadership in the world and to become some of our most efficient lay helpers in church work. In every way the institution is worthy of our confidence and the financial support of our people, and it should have our boys and girls to educate.

Your committee would make the following recommendation:

Resolved, That in order to manifest its appreciation of the providential opportunity to increase the efficiency of our work at Midland by the securing of a library building, this Synod pledge itself for $1,500.00 of the $15,000.00 necessary to secure a library maintenance endowment, payable in annual instalments of $300.00, without interest, and that the Apportionment Committee be directed to levy ten (10) cents per member for said term for this purpose, and that the officers of Synod be instructed to give the note of Synod for the above amount.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SEIBERT,
J. E. HUMMON.

It was decided by motion to extend the time of the term of

Trustee to Midland College from the Nebraska Synod so as to expire at the same time in the year 1908.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was made and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies herewith submit the following report:

We have endeavored to make a thorough canvass of the conditions of the work in these two departments of church activity, and have made a summary of the reports as made to us, which summary may be consulted by those who may be interested.

We asked replies from all the pastors, and we wish to thank those pastors who had consideration enough for the committee to respond promptly, for we found it necessary to send our second, third, and even fourth notices to some pastors, and failed to receive report in only one case.

We wish likewise to thank the pastors who had sufficient interest in the work to take the trouble to answer the questions, for the committee was impressed with one fact, that in some cases there was either considerable lack of knowledge or a great deal of indifference in answering. We are sorry that all the brethren did not see fit to co-operate with the committee, and so enable it to make a full report, and the incompleteness of the summary is due to incomplete answers.

In the work of the Sunday schools we find much to commend. We are glad to note that so many schools are keeping pace with the advances in Sunday school effort throughout the world, and we trust that during the coming year more of our pastors may devote more time to the study of the Sunday school and its problems. Of the 47 schools in the Synod, 13 are reported as graded schools; but only 4 report any Home Department. We are pleased to note that the Primary Department work has a good basis for further improvement, for 22 schools report a separate department; 12 have the department organized and 25 are using the Beginners' Lessons, as outlined by the International Committee, as an important feature, 13 of the 25 using the Lutheran Primary Course. We are glad to note that our schools generally are using our own Lutheran literature, except in the matter of papers, in which we are sorry to state that only 21 schools are using the Lutheran papers. But very few schools have yet come to realize the importance of the maintenance of normal or teacher training classes. We believe this would solve some of the difficulties mentioned by the pastors in reporting, among other things, the lack of good teachers. While we realize that conditions vary in the different fields, yet we believe that every school should make an effort at least to have an organized Primary Department, which, of course, includes the Cradle Roll, a Home Department, and a Teacher Training class. We are likewise glad to note

the almost uniform good attendance of the Sunday school at church service, and we believe it might be interesting to learn from the brethren who report 100 per cent. attendance how they bring it to pass. There is not so large a percentage of church members allied with the Sunday school as there should be, and we believe this is a field for more earnest work. One remarkable thing noted in the reports is the large percentage of boys and men in the enrollment; to hold these boys for the Church means a bright future for us. One hundred and sixty are reported as having united with the Church from the ranks of the Sunday school. True, this is largely due to our catechetical system, but we are glad to note the number of those who are held for the church. The recommendations we offer are embodied in another part of the report.

As to the young people's societies, we do not feel so much encouraged. In the 47 churches we find only 26 societies, 5 being Luther Leagues, 20 Christian Endeavor societies. We believe that every church would receive much benefit from their organization, but, too often, we believe, there is hesitation because of lack of good material. The best way to get material, we believe, is to take the raw stuff and make it over. There is, we are glad to report, no lack of loyalty on the part of our young people to our church services. Almost every pastor reports that the percentage of attendance of the young people is higher than that of the church members not belonging to the society, and here, we believe, is an added reason for the organization. We find, too, that a very large per cent. of the members are actively connected with the Sunday school work. Difficulties of various kinds have been reported, some local in character, others more general. We have received from the headquarters of the young people's societies sample literature for sale and for free distribution, and we trust that no pastor will fail to see these some time during the Synod.

Your committee realizes that the work of this year is very largely experimental, but our findings have made it clear that this committee should be made a regular standing committee, a recognized center where the brethren can write for information and receive it promptly. We would suggest that the new committee be made a committee of five, and to include the President and Statistical Secretary as members *ex officio*.

The committee would make the following recommendations, based on a study of the reports sent in from all over the Synod:

1. That every pastor of the Nebraska Synod take as his aim for the Sunday school for the coming Synodical year: Every baptized member of the Lutheran Church in some department of the Sunday school, and every member of the Sunday school a missionary to bring in those not connected with any Sunday school.

2. As far as possible, a uniform system in Sunday school work as to organization and methods.

3. The establishment of teachers' training classes for the development of new and more efficient workers.

4. The use of our own denominational lesson helps and Sunday school papers.

5. That every church should take steps toward the formation of a young people's society, either Christian Endeavor or Luther League, that at the next meeting of Synod every church may report a society.

6. That the importance of this work be sufficiently recognized to provide for the discussion of vital topics relating to Sunday schools and young people's work at the meetings of the conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
W. T. KAHSE,
CHARLES H. B. LEWIS.

The memorial to General Synod introduced by Rev. J. A. Koser was deferred until after hearing the report of the Committee on Letters and Papers.

The report of the Commitee on President's Report was read.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, your Committee on the President's Report, beg leave to report the following:

The document placed in our hands is a full statement of the official acts of our Executive and the more important events in our Synod during the year. The thanks of the Synod are due to the President for his fidelity to duty in office during the year. As all points touched by the report are covered by other committees, we have nothing to recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
L. GROH,
M. F. TROXELL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your committee would recommend to Synod that the apportionment would remain the same as last year for the various objects.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BADGER,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
L. J. POWELL.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, on the subject, "The Church, Workman, and Capital."

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Half-hour devotions were conducted by Rev. E. F. A. Hantel, of Grafton.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes approved.

Roll was called.

Dr. C. E. Hay, of the East Pennsylvania Synod, was introduced to the Synod and given the privileges of the floor.

The hour of 2 P. M. was set apart to hear Dr. Hay, who represents the Deaconess work of the General Synod.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. J. A. Koser, who had been appointed by the President of General Synod to bring it before this body.

Resolved, That we recommend the adoption of the plan of apportionment as presented at the last session of the General Synod, found on page 57 of the minutes of the General Synod.

It was moved to refer this to a committee of five, consisting of three active pastors and two laymen, to report at the next meeting of our Synod.

The Chair appointed Revs. J. E. Hummon, R. A. White, L. L. Lipe, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe and Dr. A. T. Peters.

Report of the Committee on the Reception of New Congregations.

Report of Committee on New Congregations.

The papers placed in the hands of this committee are:

1. The application of Grace Lutheran Church, of Lewellen, Neb., which has been organized with 19 members, asking to be received into connection with this Synod. The paper bears date of September 2d, 1906, and carries the signatures of William C. Heidenreich, pastor; Wilhelm Bolhfing, Vice-President Council, and Henry Filgner, Secretary.

2. Is an application for admission to Synod by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, of Oshkosh, Neb., duly organized with 15 members, bearing date of September 9th, 1906. This congregation has not as yet elected a Church Council, but will elect at next meeting.

Your committee recommends that when these churches present a copy of their constitutions to the President and Secretary, showing the complete organization of the churches at Lewellen and Oshkosh, that they be authorized to place them on the roll of Synod as members.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. HAMMOND,
G. KLATT.

Report adopted.

It was made a special order to hear the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions and Dr. Ludden, Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, during the afternoon sessions immediately after the address of Dr. Hay.

Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Traveling Secretary was read, and referred to the Committee on Traveling Secretary to report at this meeting of Synod.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

GENTLEMEN:—The Treasurer of the Committee on the Traveling Secretary would beg to offer the following report for the year ending September 1st 1906:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand September, 1905	$278 16	
Received for rent during the year	230 00	
Total		$508 16

EXPENDITURES.

1905.				
Sept.	14.	Paid Omaha Paint and Glass Co., Glass	$2 17	
Oct.	7.	Paid T. F. Webster, papering halls	25 00	
Oct.	10.	Paid Arthur Chase, repairing furnace	1 00	
Oct.	21.	Paid N. A. Montgomery, plastering	3 00	
Nov.	13.	Paid James Martin & Sons, register base	1 46	
Nov.	18.	Paid Morris Bros,, plumbing	5 15	
Nov.	24.	Paid Morris Bros., plumbing	10 75	
Dec.	6.	Paid Morris Bros., plumbing	3 87	
1906.				
July	2.	Paid city taxes	35 09	
July	2.	Paid county taxes	12 96	
				100 45
Balance on hand				$407 71

Respectfully submitted, M. W. SWAIN.

The following motion was introduced and adopted:

That in the matter of the papers and records of the Traveling Secretary Committee, supposed to be in the hands of the former Secretary of said committee, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns,

Resolved, That the said Rev. Luther M. Kuhns be requested and instructed to turn said papers, records, etc., over to the officers of this Synod within ten days after he returns to the bounds of the Synod. And in case of his failure to report on these papers to the officers of Synod, or to deliver said papers to them, that the President report on said failure to comply with this resolution in his next report to Synod.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to mail a copy of this action to the said Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, using registered letter.

Rev. Dr. C. Huber, of Richmond, Ind., was presented to the Synod and received as an advisory member.

The report of Committee on Letters and Papers was read and considered seriatim.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

As relates to the communication placed in our hands from Rev. C. Rollin Sherck, President of the Board of Directors of Tabitha Home, an institution for orphans and aged, located at Lincoln, Neb., beg leave to present the following report:

We have considered this proposition and recommend its acceptance for the following reasons:

1. This Tabitha Home proposition seems to be made to the Lutheran Church at a most opportune moment, as there is evident need for just such an institution in our rapidly growing West and upon our own territory.

2. This offer is made upon condition solely and only that our Lutheran Synods assume the liabilities of the institution, which will not exceed $10,000.00, but which are offset by legacies and bequests amounting to nearly, if not quite, $12,000.00.

3. The present valuation of this property, at a very conservative estimate, is $50,000.00, and by reason of the city being extended in the direction of the Home is rapidly increasing in value.

4. The property consists of fifteen acres of land superbly located just two miles due east of the State House, and is the most commanding view of any point within a radius of twenty-five miles of Lincoln. A large building adorns the ground 132 by 60 feet, containing about seventy rooms and suitable for any purpose to which they might wish to be put. There is also a complete steam plant and lighting system for the building and grounds. Several other buildings adorn the grounds, one of which was used for hospital purposes.

5. Your committee therefore recommends that this proposition be referred to a committee of five, three clergymen and two laymen, to co-operate with a similar committee from the German Nebraska Synod and such other Synods as may wish to appoint such committee, whose duty it shall be to carefully investigate titles and papers of the Home, with authority to employ such legal talent as may be necessary, and with full power to receive and transfer said property to the General Synod Lutheran Church, Synod or Synods, said committee having full power to act in and for this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
C. ROLLIN SHERCK.

Adopted and referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chair.

The committee appointed was Revs. George Livers and C. J. Ringer and Dr. Joseph H. Miller.

Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Huber.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

The special order for this hour was the hearing of C. E. Hay, D. D., of Baltimore, the Secretary of the Deaconess Board and Pastor of the Motherhouse. After listening to his splendid presentation of the work, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod appreciates the privilege of having had with us the Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., and have listened to his excellent presentation of the Deaconess work, a cause so dear to our hearts, and that we hereby pledge our continued loyalty in the raising, at least, the full apportionment for this important object.

The report of the Apportionment Committee was received and adopted.

	Number of Members.	Dues. General Synod.	Dues. Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	National Home.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Midland Library Endowment.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 02	$0 10	$0 28	$0 25	$0 20	$0 12	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 07	$0 05	$0 10	$0 10	.....
Auburn	70	1 40	7 00	19 60	17 50	14 00	8 40	4 90	4 90	3 50	4 90	3 50	7 00	7 00	$103 60
Beatrice	141	2 82	14 10	39 48	35 25	28 20	16 92	9 87	9 87	7 05	9 87	7 05	14 10	14 10	208 68
Benedict, Bethel	29	58	2 90	8 12	7 25	5 80	3 48	2 03	2 03	1 45	2 03	1 45	2 90	2 90	42 92
Benedict, Zion	84	1 68	8 40	23 52	21 00	16 80	10 08	5 88	5 88	4 20	5 88	4 20	8 40	8 40	124 32
Dakota City, Immanuel	33	66	3 30	9 24	8 25	6 60	3 96	2 31	2 31	1 65	2 31	1 65	3 30	3 30	48 84
Dakota City, Salem	87	1 74	8 70	24 36	21 75	17 40	10 44	6 09	6 09	4 35	6 09	4 35	8 70	8 70	128 76
Davenport	73	1 46	7 30	20 44	18 25	14 60	8 76	5 11	5 11	3 65	5 11	3 65	7 30	7 30	108 04
Davenport, St. Paul's	11	22	1 10	3 08	2 75	2 20	1 32	77	77	55	77	55	1 10	1 10	16 28
Ericson	16	32	1 60	4 48	4 00	3 20	1 92	1 12	1 12	80	1 12	80	1 60	1 60	23 68
Grand Island	186	3 72	18 60	52 08	46 50	37 20	22 32	13 02	13 02	9 30	13 02	9 30	18 60	18 60	275 28
Hardy	78	1 56	7 80	21 84	19 50	15 60	9 36	5 46	5 46	3 90	5 46	3 90	7 80	7 80	115 44
Hardy, Jewell	19	38	1 90	5 32	4 75	3 80	2 28	1 33	1 33	95	1 33	95	1 90	1 90	28 12
Hendley	25	50	2 50	7 00	6 25	5 00	3 00	1 75	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	2 50	2 50	37 00
Homer	43	86	4 30	12 04	10 75	8 60	5 16	3 01	3 01	2 15	3 01	2 15	4 30	4 30	63 64
Lewellen	19	38	1 90	5 32	4 75	3 80	2 28	1 33	1 33	95	1 33	95	1 90	1 90	28 12
Lincoln	218	4 36	21 80	61 04	54 50	43 60	26 16	15 26	15 26	10 90	15 26	10 90	21 80	21 80	322 64
McCool Junction	52	1 04	5 20	14 56	13 00	10 40	6 24	3 64	3 64	2 60	3 64	2 60	5 20	5 20	76 96
Nekraska City	101	2 02	10 10	28 28	25 25	20 20	12 12	7 07	7 07	5 05	7 07	5 05	10 10	10 10	149 48
North Platte	175	3 50	17 50	49 00	43 75	35 00	21 00	12 25	12 25	8 75	12 25	8 75	17 50	17 50	259 00
Omaha, Grace	120	2 40	12 00	33 60	30 00	24 00	14 40	8 40	8 40	6 00	8 40	6 00	12 00	12 00	177 60
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	404	8 08	40 40	113 12	101 00	80 80	48 48	28 28	28 28	20 20	28 28	20 20	40 40	40 40	597 92
Omaha, St. Mark's	84	1 68	8 40	23 52	21 00	16 80	10 08	5 88	5 88	4 20	5 88	4 20	8 40	8 40	124 32
Orleans	30	60	3 00	8 40	7 50	6 00	3 60	2 10	2 10	1 50	2 10	1 50	3 00	3 00	44 40
Oshkosh	15	30	1 50	4 20	3 75	3 00	1 80	1 05	1 05	75	1 05	75	1 50	1 50	22 20

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	Number of Members.	Dues. General Synod.	Dues. Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	National Home.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Midland Library Endowment.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 02	$0 10	$0 28	$0 25	$0 20	$0 12	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 07	$0 05	$0 10	$0 10	.....
Pawnee City	43	86	4 30	12 04	10 75	8 60	5 16	3 01	3 01	2 15	3 01	2 15	4 30	4 30	$63 64
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Tekamah, Immanuel	37	74	3 70	10 36	9 25	7 40	4 44	2 59	2 59	1 85	2 59	1 85	3 70	3 70	54 76
Tekamah, Grace	30	60	3 00	8 40	7 50	6 00	3 60	2 10	2 10	1 50	2 10	1 50	3 00	3 00	44 40
Waverly	44	88	4 40	12 32	11 00	8 80	5 28	3 08	3 08	2 20	3 08	2 20	4 40	4 40	65 12
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The report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was read and adopted item by item.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Beatrice, Trinity, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., pastor, assumed self-support on the 1st of December, 1905, not without great self-sacrifice, but with deep gratitude to the Board of Home Missions for its faithful support, and with courageous purpose to maintain itself henceforth. All departments of the work are organized and doing faithful service. Totals for local expenses and benevolence show increase over former years. There is united heart in the work and a bright outlook for the future.

Grand Island, Rev W. T. Kahse, pastor, reports good progress. Their hope is in God, and their expectation is great. They became self-sustaining October 1st, 1905. Membership is nearly 200. About $3000.00 has been subscribed to enlarge the church building. Three or four years ago the question was, shall we sell out and disband? Behold what God hath wrought! May He grant the realization of their great hopes!

Lincoln, Grace, Rev. C. Rollin Sherck, pastor, is experiencing an upward movement. During the past year its membership has been increased, and its finances are in comparatively good condition. It will become self-sustaining on October 1st, which means self-sacrifice and arduous labor in order to reach the point it should attain as a capital city church. Elements of strength are not wanting, and its spiritual condition is most reassuring. The long and generous support received from the Board of Home Missions, we trust, in the years to come will be more than fully returned to the general benevolence of the Church by a grateful people.

Omaha, Grace, Rev. M. L. Melick, pastor, spent for carpeting and other repairs $279.00. It increased its payment on salary $100.00, reducing the appropriation from the Board $50.00. The amount paid on apportionment has steadily increased, reaching this year $118.03. Every department of the work is organized and doing faithful work except the Woman's Missionary Society. The pastor will be glad to see this also organized and flourishing.

Sidney, Rev. J. S. Leamer, pastor, has improved its property by electric light, water, papering and painting to the extent of $125.00. They made a small reduction of amount received from the Board of Home Missions. The work is prospering, and strong in hope for the future.

Sioux and Homer, Rev. Elmer E. Combs, pastor. This pastorate has shared in the general prosperity of the year. They have built and almost paid for a parsonage, at a cost of above $1300.00. There is a vigorous forward movement in this mission. Reduced $24.00.

Wayne, Rev. C. J. Ringer, pastor, has gained membership, increased the Sunday school, and general work of the congregation. All local expenses have been met, and there is general encouragement and outlook for the work.

They have made a reduction of $50.00 in the amount of money asked from the Board of Home Missions.

Wilber, First, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, pastor, burned its mortgage June 1st, and put fixtures for city water in the parsonage and lot. The Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society have made great progress, and have grown in power. Under the faithful ministry of the pastor and his helpful wife there is steady progress and bright outlook for this mission.

Wolbach, Rev. E. Bollman, pastor, has increased membership, increased attendance at Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, and has paid over amount of apportionment, and expects next year to decrease the amount asked of the Board. The outlook is encouraging in this field.

York, Neb., Rev. Robert A. White pastor.—The work at York has been steadily and faithfully carried on by Brother and Mrs. R. A. Wright during the past year. The ladies of the church have laid a new sidewalk at a cost of $30.00. All bills are promptly paid except the pastor's salary. In self-denying spirit, Brother White looks after other claims first. It is with strong faith in the future of our field in York they maintain the mission.

Sutherland and Paxton, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor. This work has progressed steadily, during the year harmoniously, and is full of hope and increased power for the future. Subscription is being pushed for building at Sutherland, and a building will be erected this year, with an increased membership of about thirty-three and one-third per cent. at each place.

South Omaha, Ralph W. Livers, pastor, has entered regularly upon the work by the installation of the pastor and establishment of regular service. They know they have a good field. They are united and full of vigor and hope in the work.

Benson, a suburb of Omaha, has been supplied this summer by Mr. John Sorensen, student of Western Theological Seminary. He reports two lots secured and deeded to the Board of Church Extension, and a subscription of over $1000.00 for building a church. It is the purpose to build such a house as will cost about $3000.00, and to build the same at once. Brother Sorensen has done a splendid work and is enthusiastic over the outlook of the work in Benson.

Oshkosh and Lewellen, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, pastor, effected organizations on the 2d and 9th of this month, with about thirty-five members. The Sunday school at Oshkosh averages about thirty, and at Lewellen seventy-five. Lots have been secured, and a subscription for church building is under good headway. These new-born babes are welcome to the Synodical family. We predict for them a healthy growth and early attainment of manly stature and independence.

Pawnee City, First, Rev. N. A. Whitman, pastor, after several years' self-support, has again been placed on the list of missions by a grant of $200.00. It is hoped by pastor and people that this will be of but short duration, for which the outlook is promising.

Walton.—This field was served this summer by Mr. R. Frederick White. The establishing of a church at Walton is promising, on account of the number of prosperous families living in the locality, and desirable as a help to make a charge in connection with the church at Yutan, and thus provide for and save that faithful band of workers to the Lutheran Church.

Your Board recommends:

1. That the Board of Home Missions be asked for an appropriation of $400.00 toward the support of a pastor in Benson.

2. That the care of the work at Benson be committed to the care of Rev. Ralph W. Livers until a regular pastor is secured.

3. We recommend an appropriation of $200.00 for the support of a pastor taking charge of Yutan and Walton.

4. We recommend that $50.00 be appropriated to pastor's salary at York out of the Synodical Mission Fund.

The past year has been one of progress at almost every point. We feel that we are little awake to the opportunity before us. To no part of the Church does the cry of the sainted Home Missionary, Dr. S. B. Barnitz, come with greater solemnity and power, "Occupy! occupy! occupy!" To each of us may there be given increased faith and hope and love to enlarge our work, plant it in every good opening in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE,
J. S. LEAMER,
JOHN F. SEIBERT,
M. D. BERG,
L. GROH.

Adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Advisory Board of Home Missions be authorized to take under consideration the division of the Ericson-Wolbach pastorate, and if it is advisable to divide the charge, and possible to secure a man, that a pastor be located at Ericson and adjacent points.

The time having arrived, Dr. Ludden told us of the great work of the Home Mission Board, the vast field uncultivated, and the pressing need of men.

Adjourned, with prayer by Mr. W. H. Hogrefe.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8 o'clock.

The Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Koser, of Nebraska City, subject "The Baptismal Covenant."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

Synod was opened with prayer by Mr. J. Bender.

Roll call.

Minutes approved.

Dr. H. L. Yarger, the Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced and invited to a seat in Synod.

On motion it was decided to set apart 10 A. M. as the time to hear Dr. Yarger, and that we hear Rev. J. F. Seibert on the work of the Board of Education immediately after him.

It was moved to make the election of Delegates to the General Synod a special order after the presentation of the work of Education.

Report of Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

Your committee would report that 11,000 envelopes have been distributed at a cost of $20.00. We believe that they have been generally used, with the result of an increased benevolence over previous years. Circular letters have also been sent out from time to time to the various pastors and laymen, and we believe with good effect. We pray that the spirit of giving be more thoroughly inculcated in our people by our pastors.

Your committee recommend a continuance of the systematic efforts on the part of pastors, and that Synod make suitable provision to supply envelopes for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER,
L. GROH.

Report of Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage.

Fathers and Brethren:

Your trustees submit the following report touching the second full year's

work at Nachusa. The year has been one of very marked activity. We have continued the line of improvements as indicated in our last report. The property and grounds are in excellent condition. Under the very wise and careful management of the farmer the farm supplies the home with all the things needed that can be raised on the farm. The sale of the surplus grain and produce has been also the source of considerable revenue. One hundred acres adjoining is now for sale and the local members of the Board are trying to secure the same for the home.

At the annual meeting held August 9th, 1906, nine of the ten Synods were represented by the Trustees. From the reports of their officers and the various committees we glean the following items:

The home was opened May 12th, 1904, with 6 children and 300 visitors. Number of children received into the home, 22; 3 have been returned, leaving 19 children in the home August 1st—10 boys and 9 girls, ranging in age from 5 to 14 years. Bringing the report to date since the annual meeting, 10 more have applied for admission, 6 of whom have been taken, filling the present building to its capacity.

The Treasurer's report shows that from July 1st, 1905, to June 30th, 1906, the receipts were $2,222.86, and the disbursements for the same time were $2,085.96. Paid for permanent improvements on property during the year, $470.00. Balance in Treasurer's hands at the close of the fiscal year, $838.14. From the close of the fiscal year to the time of the annual meeting the receipts were sufficient to carry the balance on hand to the sum of $1,685.96.

One of the great pressing needs upon us just now is a new building so that we can properly care for all the children that are offered to us—the orphans of our own Church as well as children offered from outside our Church. It need not be an expensive building—a building that could accommodate 40 or 50 boys on the second floor, and on the first floor suitable school rooms and a good sized reception room or chapel room. Then the present buildings would nicely care for 30 to 40 girls. Our children at present attend the school in the town of Nachusa, we paying the district for the service thus rendered. But this year the School Board of the town has made what seems to the Board unreasonable demands upon us in the matter of tuition. If we had the room it would be better for us to employ our own teacher.

We need supplies also of children's clothing and bed clothing. Before sending such supplies it would be well to write the Matron, Miss Eliza Eicholtz, Nachusa, Ill., for in some departments there is an abundant supply while in other departments there is great need.

We are sorely in need of a Superintendent who can also act as pastor of the Lutheran Church at Nachusa. The Board is working hard with the local congregation to secure such a man.

Your Trustees urge liberal and oft-repeated gifts, that proper provision may be made for the homeless children placed by the providence of God under our care in the Nachusa Orphanage.

Information touching this work will always be gladly given by our Matron. The term of Trustee Luther P. Ludden expires with this meeting of Synod, and another Trustee should be elected for the term of two years.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. TROXELL,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Report adopted.

Historian's Report.

Your Historian would at this time submit the following report:

We have circulated through all the congregations of the Synod an outline of the history to be written, but have held the work open so that we can benefit by any suggestions that any of the brethren have to offer at this meeting of Synod. We ask all the brethren to write up the histories of their several congregations as soon as possible, yet take all the time absolutely necessary to gather all the facts of interest and importance. We, therefore, report progress. We recommend:

1. That every congregation be asked to furnish a half-tone cut of their church, and each pastor a half-tone cut of himself.

2. That Rev. L. Groh be elected to assist the historian and have in charge the German part of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee on Vacancies would report the following places vacant: Davenport, Stella, and Yutan.

Davenport has extended a call, and it is hoped it will be accepted.

Stella is anxious to secure a pastor, and is putting forth every effort. Yutan is also anxious to secure a shepherd to lead them. We pray for their success.

In regard to Steinauer, we recommend that the President of Synod be authorized to secure two young men from our Theological Seminary to make a thorough canvass of the field as soon as possible, and after the canvass, if in the judgment of the Advisory Board of Home Missions it seems wise, they be authorized to arrange a supply for them.

Furthermore, that the expenses for this canvass be paid from the Synodical Mission Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and find the same correct according to his report submitted to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HOGREFE,
ANDREW T. YOST,
P. A. BINDERNAGEL.

Report adopted.

Report of the Obituary Committee.

MEMORIAL TO REV. J. W. KIMMEL.

During the year which closes with this convention we lost from our clerical roll the name of Rev. J. W. Kimmel, who died at Lincoln, Neb., August 15th, 1906. Brother Kimmel took up the work within the bounds of this Synod in 1879, and became a member of it in convention at Ponca in the fall of 1880. He at once devoted himself most zealously and exclusively to the work of the Church, aiming to organize a congregation and build a church each year, and succeeded until he had built the churches at Tekamah, Oakland, and Grace, in Burt County; Stella, Auburn, Franklin, Long Island, Norcator, Orleans, McCook, Oberlin, Bloomington, Riverton, Stamford, Akron, Morrill, and Leavenworth, seventeen in all, most of which churches stand to-day, and on Nebraska soil, as monuments to one of our most zealous, self-sacrificing and devoted brethren. Therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That we deeply mourn our loss in his death, and that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

2. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and one be sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
A. T. PETERS,
J. A. LOWE.

Adopted by standing vote, while Dr. C. Huber led in prayer.

The time of the special order having arrived, Rev. Dr. Yarger was heard on behalf of the Board of Church Extension, and brought greetings.

Dr. E. D. Weigle, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was introduced to the Synod and invited to a seat in the same.

Time of the special order having arrived, Rev. J. F. Seibert spoke of the work of the Board of Education.

The time of the special order for the election of Delegates to the General Synod having come, the following were elected:

CLERICAL.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Rev. M. L. Melick,	Rev. J. W. Ball,
Rev. J. E. Hummon,	Rev. J. S. Leamer,
Rev. J. A. Lowe,	Rev. R. A. White,
Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.,	Rev. George Livers,
Rev. L. L. Lipe.	Rev. N. A. Whitman.

LAY DELEGATES.

Dr. A. T. Peters,	Mr. C. E. Gilliland,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Ralph Weller,
Mr. Andrew Yost,	Mr. H. G. Bell,
Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy,	Mr. Philip Bindernagel,
Mr. W. H. Hogrefe.	Dr. Joseph H. Miller.

The place of meeting was voted upon, and Grand Island was the choice of Synod.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Revs. Kuhlman, Eckert, Gettle, Hapeman, Sickle, Groenmiller, Elson, Link, Aughey, Combs, and Kuhns have sent us excuses and ask to be excused from this meeting of Synod. Your committee recommend that these brethren be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LIPE,
J. W. BALL,
W. S. OBERHOLTZER.

The following were appointed as the Committee on the Tabitha Orphans' Home: Revs. C. Rollin Sherck, C. H. B. Lewis, J. E. Hummon, Dr. A. T. Peters, and Mr. W. H. Hogrefe.

The following bills were presented and allowed by Synod:

Rev. J. A. Lowe, President, expenses	$18 63
Rev. J. S. Leamer, Secretary, postage and baggage	3 25
Rev. C. J. Ringer, Statistical Secretary, postage	1 00
Rev. M. L. Melick, Historian	8 25

Dr. Joseph H. Miller, Treasurer	$8 25
Dr. Luther P. Ludden, Trustee of Nachusa	16 30
Rev. J. F. Seibert, Trustee of Midland	11 00
Rev. R. A. White, traveling expenses	2 10
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis	3 35

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Weigle.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes adopted.

On motion it was decided to make it a special order to hear Dr. C. H. Huber on the "Work of Foreign Missions" immediately after the preparatory service.

At the request of President Lowe, who was unexpectedly called home, he was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Synod, and Rev. J. F. Seibert was appointed to take the chair during the rest of Synod.

The resolutions of Rev. Koser memoralizing General Synod to remove the Theological Seminary from Atchison were again considered and adopted.

Memorial to General Synod.

WHEREAS, We believe that the time has come when our Western Theological Seminary, temporarily located at Atchison, Kans., should have a permanent location for its successful development and to properly meet the purpose for which it was established; therefore,

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Synod, in view of the importance of our work in the middle West, and in view of the present marvelous prosperity of the country, to proceed at once and secure a permanent location, and furnish this institution with such buildings and equipment as its present condition and the work which it is expected to do may require; and

Resolved, secondly, That we request that this location be made at some suitable place in the State of Nebraska. We request this out of justice to the Lutherans of the State of Nebraska, and for the general good of our Church in the middle West, inasmuch as to the brethren of our sister State Kansas has been given Midland College, which we take pleasure in supporting; and more especially because of the immense Lutheran resources of this portion of

the field, which needs the institution for their development. We feel that we have the highest claim in view of our superior numbers. While there is but one Synod in Kansas, with 48 churches, 33 ministers, and 3,570 communicants, we in Nebraska have two Synods, with 118 churches, 98 ministers, and 8,734 communicants; furthermore,

Resolved, That we will lend a helping hand to the General Synod to the utmost of our ability in bringing about this result at as early a day as possible; and be it

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the next meeting of General Synod to see that this matter is properly presented, and to defend and advocate it with all their power.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your committee would report that we have carefully read the reports handed us by the pastors of the churches belonging to the Synod, and we are pleased to find in so many of them words of cheer and evidences of growth and improvement along many lines of church work. However, we are sorry to say that in some of our congregations they would indicate that there is a decrease in spiritual life.

We must confess that almost every report shows a small attendance at the prayer service, and that several churches are without any prayer meeting whatever. Does all the praying fall to the pastor? Can we expect to receive if we do not ask? If our congregations are the spiritual temples of God both pastor and people must pray for the Pentecostal gift. The apostle writes: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere." The Saviour says that "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." And again He says: "Ask and it shall be given unto you," etc. "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Every child of God should have his closet, and often go there and "pray to his Father which is in secret." Every family must have its altar, and daily bend their knees in divine worship; and every church its season set apart to call upon the Lord, so that we may receive the rich blessings of God.

We are gratified to find greater interest shown in the catechetical classes. However, a few pastors have much difficulty to persuade both our parents and young people to support this work. Do our parents realize that the responsibility of instructing the children in the word of God rests upon them as well as the pastor? The Presbyterians, the Methodists, and other denominations have seen the good in our catechetical work and are following the Lutheran custom. We feel that our parents should be faithful in observing this time-honored custom of our Church and should use their influence in assisting the pastor in getting the children to attend catechetical instruction.

The attendance and interest in Sunday school work is increasing in nearly all of our congregations. The greatest difficulty in this work seems to be the old

"teacher problem." We would suggest a few things which might help to overcome this trouble: First, a sermon on the importance of the Sunday school work, emphasizing the good done here through the teaching of the word of God; the need of parents taking more interest in this work; the blessings which will come to their children, and the good it does for the Church.

Second. Realizing the great good being done by the organized Sunday school work, we believe our pastors should attend and urge their Sunday school workers to go to all the Sunday school conventions that they possibly can.

Third. That we will do all we can to organize and encourage a teachers' training or normal class, and urge our Sunday school teachers and others who might by this help become efficient teachers to take this course of study.

Fourth. That as soon as possible we should so change our Constitutions that the regular officers and teachers of our Sunday schools will be installed.

At first thought we might think that the increased offerings for missions are the result of the prosperity in other departments of our church work, but we believe the word would teach us that the increased giving to missions is one cause of blessing and prosperity along other lines. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." "Give and ye *shall* receive."

A few pastors report little interest in missions, and some speak of having members who do not believe in Foreign Missions. But some who heard Jesus speak did not believe in Him, and some who now profess to be His followers do not believe Him, for He says: "If ye love me keep my commandments," and His last command was: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

We were more than pleased to note the growth in the spirit of beneficence.

Taken as a whole, the report is very encouraging. In fact, if we keep in mind God's promises we will never have reason to be discouraged. "He that goeth forth with weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it." We are promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church. "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God gives the increase." "It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

As ambassadors of God, it is ours to hold up a high standard. "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself." "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my strength, my all." "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding

joy," "to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BERG,
W. T. KAHSE,
W. C. HEIDENREICH.

Adopted.

The following amendment to the Constitution was introduced by Rev. J. A. Koser:

I hereby submit the following as an amendment to the Constitution: That in Art. VII., Sec. 3, the words "Educational Committee" be stricken out and that we substitute for them: "Synod in body assembled."

Report of Committee on the North Platte Conference.

Your committee would report that the Secretary's book has not been brought to Synod, and therefore we have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
W. F. EYSTER,
N. A. WHITMAN.

Adopted.

The election of Trustee to the Nachusa Orphans' Home resulted in the selection of Rev. L. L. Lipe.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to revise the Constitution and collect the standing resolutions and present them for adoption at the next meeting of Synod—Revs. C. H. B. Lewis, C. Rollin Sherck, and J. W. Ball.

Moved that we go into executive session immediately after adjournment of this session.

Time of the next meeting of Synod was fixed for the 11th day of September, 1907.

The time of the preparatory service having arrived, Synod adjourned. Rev. C. J. Ringer, of Wayne, preached the preparatory sermon.

Time of the special order, and Dr. Huber was given the floor to present the work of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted :

In recognition of the "field ripe already to the harvest" for the Lutheran Church in Nebraska, and of the insufficiency of men and means to adequately provide for this work, and yet feeling that our powerlessness to meet this demand in full does not afford sufficient excuse for total neglect, we offer as a partial provision for same the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we authorize the Traveling Secretary Committee to call a missionary into the field at once, at a salary of $1,000.00 per year and traveling expenses, with the house provided for such purpose, located in Omaha, to be used as his home.

2. *Resolved*, That this money be paid in monthly instalments out of the Synodical Mission Fund ; that this Synod receive pledges from the brethren, as individuals or as representatives of their churches, to-day, the same when paid to be placed into the Synodical Mission Fund, for this special work.

3. *Resolved*, That the duties of this Traveling Secretary shall be the same as outlined at the Synodical Convention at Beatrice in 1887, namely, "To assist pastors in their work ; to visit, advise, and supply vacant congregations ; to visit, examine into, and, if deemed practical, organize new congregations, and to encourage and foster the spirit of benevolence."

4. *Resolved*, That all money received by said Traveling Missionary for his services in fields visited by him, or from other sources, for his work, be forwarded by him on the first of each month to the Treasurer of Synod, to be placed in the Synodical Mission Fund, for the maintenance of his work.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the representatives of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Education, Deaconess Work, as well as from the Boards of Directors of Nachusa Orphans' Home and Midland College, and that we pledge our continued support to all these worthy and important objects.

Resolved, That we have noted with great satisfaction the increased appropriations to the Nebraska work, as made by the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, and that we express our appreciation of their efforts to push forward the work in our State.

Resolved, That inasmuch as a uniformity in the apportionment tables is not only desirable but necessary, we request the General Synod, in the printing of the next Parochial report blanks, to add at least two extra columns, to be filled in as the local needs of the Synods may present themselves.

Resolved, That we have noted with interest the exhibit of the Committee

on Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools, that we express our thanks to the publishing houses who have so kindly furnished supplies for the exhibit, and that as far as possible the committee during the next year endeavor to advance the work and to arrange for a similar exhibit at Grand Island.

Resolved, That 900 copies of the minutes be printed for distribution, and that the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be given the privilege of printing their minutes with the Synodical minutes, and that 30 copies be placed at the disposal of that society for their special use.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to the Smith Premier Typewriter Company for their kindness in placing at the disposal of the members of Synod a typewriter.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of Synod be extended to Grace Church, and to the other Lutheran people of Omaha, and to all others who, through their cordial hospitality, have contributed to the success of this Synodical Convention, and that the President of Synod be instructed to express our gratitude at the Sunday evening service.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. B. LEWIS,
J. E. HUMMON,
RALPH LIVERS.

Adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

Your committee would beg leave to report that the following brethren have asked to be excused from further attendance at this meeting of Synod: Revs. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., C. Rollin Sherck, Dr. Joseph H. Miller, Messrs. G. A. Crannell, Alfred Johnson, A. Towner, Silas Miller, W. H. Hogrefe, Dr. A. D. Peters, Revs. W. F. Poot and M. F. Troxell, and W. F. Eyster, D. D.

Your committee would recommend that the request of these brethren be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LIVERS,
J. PHILIP ANSHUTZ.

Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. L. Groh.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. John F. Seibert, of North Platte. Subject: "The Confirmation Vow."

After the evening service, the Synod was convened in executive session.

The executive session was dissolved, and the Synod convened for business.

It was moved that the Committee on Calendar be instructed to finish their report, and furnish a copy of it to the Secretary for publication.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your Committee on Last Year's Minutes, having examined the same, find that Conference held one regular session at York, which was well attended, and proved an inspiration to the pastor and people, as well as the visiting brethren.

Respectfully submitted, E. BOLLMAN,
W. T. KAHSE.

Adopted.

On motion, the Historian was granted the privilege of the minutes and other documents of the Synod for his work.

Moved and carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Grand Island, Neb., September 11th, 1907.

Synod adjourned, and the Ministerium was convened.

Synod was called, and the report of the Examining Committee was presented and adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee, having examined the applicants before it, reports as follows:

The Rev. Henry Heiner, founder of the Tabitha Home, and formerly a minister of the Evangelical Synod of North America, presented his certificate of ordination and satisfied us of his full acceptance of the General Synod's basis. We recommend that he be enrolled as a member of the Synod.

Ralph W. Livers and William H. Heidenreich, who have shown evidence of ministerial efficiency, are applicants for ordination. We recommend that they be duly set apart to the sacred office.

Gustav Klatt expects to return to the seminary for further study, and asks to have his license renewed. We recommend that his request be granted.

Charles R. Lowe and George W. Mendenhall are applicants for licensure. We recommend that the former be licensed at this meeting of Synod. Inasmuch as Brother Mendenhall will enter the middle year at the seminary this

fall, we recommend that license be granted him by the President of Synod at the end of his year's work, if needed, without further examination.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
L. L. LIPE,
W. F. EYSTER,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
J. W. BALL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Services.

Handsom Park M. E. Church, 10.30 A. M.—Rev L. L. Lipe.
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer.
Seward Street M. E. Church, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.
Trinity M. E. Church, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. J. A. Koser.
Luther Church, South Omaha, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. George Mendenhall.
St. John's Church, Council Bluffs, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. Roy M. Badger.
Kountze Memorial Church, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. W. T. Kahse.
St. Mark's Church, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. C. Huber, D. D.
Kountze Memorial Church, 8 P. M.—Rev. C. Huber, D. D.
Castelar Presbyterian Church, 8 P. M.—Rev. L. J. Powell.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
J. A. LOWE,
J. S. LEAMER.

Adopted.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 10.30 A. M.

The communion sermon was preached by Rev. M. D. Berg.

The Sunday school, at 12.30 o'clock, was addressed by Revs. H. A. Wolfe, Charles R. Lowe, and J. S. Leamer.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, Dr. L. P. Ludden, and Rev. W. T. Kahse addressed the Luther League.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., of Rising City.

At the evening service, immediately after the ordination sermon, the President, assisted by the Secretary and other brethren of the Synod, licensed Gustav Klatt and Charles R. Lowe to preach the Gospel one year, and set apart, in accordance with the usages and practices of General Synod Evangelical Lutheran

Church, by the rite of ordination, Rev. Ralph W. Livers and Rev. William C. Heidenreich.

The President declared Synod formally adjourned, to meet in the St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Neb., September 11th, 1907.

J. S. LEAMER,
Secretary.

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PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.
Left to Executive Committee.

MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday afternoon, September 4th, 1906, in Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Neb.

Praise Service conducted by Miss Matie Martin, Hickman.

Mrs. August Claudius, Omaha, presented the greetings, to which Mrs. W. J. Springer responded.

Solo, Miss Hazel Livingston, Omaha.

Delegates were received, and the following roll formed:

Officers.

President—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.
Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maude Martin.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.
Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth Haase.
Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.
Chairman of Literature Committee—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Delegates.

Auburn—Mrs. J. Philip Anshutz.

Beatrice—Mrs. Gage, Mrs. W. J. Springer.

Dakota—Emmanuel—Miss Elizabeth Haase.

Dakota—Salem—Mrs. Oberholtzer.

Grand Island—Miss Bertha Leaderman.

Homer—Mrs. Louise Cleveland.

Lincoln—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

North Platte—Mrs. C. A. Dill.

Omaha—Mrs. August Claudius, Mrs. Livingston.

Ponca—Mrs. J. D. Kautz, Mrs. M. D. Berg.

Roca—Miss Matie Martin.

Rising City—Miss Ida Loudenslager, Mrs. L. J. Saylor.

Tekamah—Miss Suda Wood, Mrs. George Crannell.

West Point—Mrs. A. B. C. Heller.

York—Mrs. R. A. White.

Yutan—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Visitors' Roll.

Mrs. Mary E. Witmer, First Vice-President General Society; Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln; Rev. John F. Seibert, North Platte; Mrs. Mary Ollienger Stuart, Omaha; Mrs. E. Sterricker, Omaha; Mr. J. G. Stuart, Omaha; Mrs. Howard Judson, Omaha; Mrs. J. E. Hummon, Omaha; Mrs. W. F. Lorenzen, Omaha; Rev. J. E. Hummon, Omaha; Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer, Dakota, Salem; Rev. R. A. White, York; Paul and Helen Cota White, York; Rev. L. J. Powell, Sutherland; Rev. M. D. Berg, Ponca; Mrs. John Paulsen, Grand Island; Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha; Rev. C. R. Lowe, Davenport; Mr. Philip A. Bindernagel, Beatrice; Rev. C. J. Ringer, Wayne; Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, Wilbur; Rev. C. Rollin Sherck, Lincoln; Rev. Geo. W. Snyder, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Ida Hoag, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Susan Harden, Omaha;

Mrs. Kuehn, Omaha; Mrs. Pelle, Omaha; Miss Kaley, Omaha; Rev. Ralph W. Livers, South Omaha.

Conference—"What do I hope to learn from this convention?" Many helpful thoughts were expressed.

Hymn 51.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Session opened with song.

Liturgical Service by Pastor, Rev. J. E. Hummon.

Mrs. R. A. White read Scripture lesson, Isaiah xxxv.

Prayer by Mrs. George Crannell.

Hymn 335.

The President's address was greatly appreciated.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters and Friends of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the State of Nebraska—Greeting:

We have been lovingly led by the hand of our divine heavenly Father to this twenty-sixth meeting of our Missionary Society.

Though a recent comer among you, I have been made to feel at home, and your letters during the past year have been so cordial and free from self, so willing to help when called upon, so anxious for the promotion of our beloved work in this our favored State.

Here in the West we think we labor under difficulties unknown to many other places. It may be true, but this does not prevent us from working faithfully in our local societies, and there is the place to work for growth and greater usefulness as a Synodical Society.

The angel of death has entered our ranks. Our hearts have been made to mourn for the death of our beloved missionaries, Rev. William R. Miller, Monrovia, Africa, and Rev. William Kelly, Oklahoma. Our loss is their gain. The mantle of service exchanged for the robe of glory.

Workmen fall by the wayside, but the workers that remain will continue the work with renewed courage and energy.

We have faith to believe that there will be no cessation, no retreat, till after while the whole world will bow the knee, acknowledging our dear Saviour, to the glory of God the Father.

In this acknowledging of Christ *we* have much responsibility. Why? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." A command. How can men go except they be sent?

Give of the substance that God has given you. The silver and the gold are His. The cattle on a thousand hills are His, given unto us as talents.

Return unto Him His own. He has poured out rich blessings upon *us*. Shall we doubt Him?

With a consecrated heart toward God, press on, doing what we can for Him, knowing that He will not hold us accountable for more than we are able to do. It is not the amount we accomplish, but the faithfulness with which we do the duties of everyday life that pleases God, and ensures us the great reward.

We should remember that ours is a Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We should not neglect the one for the other. Each is of equal importance, and those people are one-sided who exalt one part of the work above the other. Christ's command to His disciples was, "Ye shall be witnesses both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and in Samaria, and in the uttermost part of the earth." The same command is to us to-day, only we are to begin in Nebraska Synod and go thence to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Evidences of our Home work are around us. This beautiful edifice in which we are assembled is a specimen of loyalty to our home work.

Your visitors rejoice with you in your elegant possessions, and give thanks to our heavenly Father for leading you on to completion of so divine a work.

We thank the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Kountze Memorial Church for inviting us to sojourn among you for a few days. May we do each other good. With what bountiful harvest has our Father filled our granaries. Can we withhold from Him who hath said: "We have done it unto the least of these"? Have we a right to stand idly by when those in Foreign fields, less favored than we, are crying for the bread of life, anxious to find Him who died for them?

The responsibility of Christian people is greater to-day than ever before. The world is awakening. The prayers of the saints are answered. Desolate places are asking for the light. And shall we say, "A little more sleep, a little more slumber, a little more folding of the hands to sleep"?

Arouse us, O Lord, from our indifference, breathe into us Thy Spirit, and may we see our responsibility as we have never seen it before. May we feel, with humble reality, that we are our brother's keeper.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

As your President, I have tried to do my work with faithfulness and loyalty to the cause. I have failed, I know, in many things for which you had

hoped. Believe me, it is not that my heart is not with your interests. I hope that seed has been sown that may yield fruit.

Let us pray with faith, believing, knowing that God will perfect His plans.

The watchword given by our General Executive Committee, "An Auxiliary Society in every congregation in the General Synod," has not been realized in our fair State. Efforts have been made by correspondence, but with apparently no result. Why? We do not know. Have our pastors been faithful to their trust, in giving this their hearty support and co-operation?

Your Executive Committee is disappointed in not having Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, our General Traveling Organizer, visit among us before our time of convention. She is coming, we hope, in the near future. We speak for her a hearty welcome and support from pastor and people.

Let congregations having no Auxiliary Society prepare for her coming, that all may be ready to co-operate.

NEW SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee at York, Neb., May, 1906, an Auxiliary Society was organized in the Lutheran Church, Rev. R. A. White, pastor. Though small in number, they are pleased to belong to the great army, under God, for the furtherance of His kingdom through this branch of work.

November, 1905, a Mission Band was organized in Grand Island, Neb., Rev. W. T. Kahse, pastor.

August, 1906, the Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, Beatrice, Neb., united with the Synodical Society.

March, 1906, Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis resigned as Department Secretary of Young People's Society. Miss Matie Martin was appointed to act in her stead till time of convention.

March, 1906, Miss Hope Larson resigned as Department Secretary of Mission Bands. Miss Charlotte Kunkelman was appointed to act in her stead till time of convention.

CONCLUSION.

What has 1906 and 1907 in store for us?

Are we willing to accept what God gives us to do?

It will require grace and prayer to faithfully perform the duties of the year. A full measure of service, though we should not fully complete our plans, will give us glad hearts and a conscience clear before God.

Obedience, well learned, is a power behind us, to spur us on to performance of duties made known to us by the Holy Spirit day by day.

In speaking of the year's work I cannot refrain from introducing the much-discussed subject of how to interest our young people in the missionary activities and interests of the Church. Is it because too many of us are half-hearted in the work that we can do so little in enlisting them, or is there an element

that actually opposes the cause of missions and so offsets our efforts? Whatever the fault, we should try to find a remedy.

The future hope and success of our missionary cause lies in our young people and our children.

As a rule the missionary and temperance causes are parallel.

Train a child in the Cradle Roll, and all the while he is under your government and his sympathies and heart are in the spread of the Gospel (if yours are).

The same of temperance. Our life and practice must be the boy's rule for imitation and education.

I would humbly suggest that societies encourage their pastors to preach on the subject of missions, and frequently use in their sermons material from the mission fields, so rich in incident and illustration.

It is the book of Acts, continued and living, God's work to-day, no less divine than that recorded in the written word. The Holy Spirit will use it to quicken the hearts of the people.

Spoken from the pulpit it reaches people that we, as a society, can reach only with great difficulty. It will scatter precious seed which God will care for and bring to rich harvest.

Pastors will listen kindly to requests from their faithful co-workers, and when they have referred to mission work incidentally in the development of their theme, they will remember any word of appreciation from us touching the missionary item they have used.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

The one great aim of our Synodical Society the past year, and will be for the coming year, is our Endowment Fund for a bed in our India Hospital. The trial of raising this fund has been a pleasure to those who have heart in it.

Many do not see the benefits of this fund. Interested ones see it is a benefit, for through this channel many, many homes are entered, the words of eternal life are presented, the Holy Spirit accompanying them, and souls are born into the kingdom.

We shall meet them, and together sing praises unto Him who was slain from the foundation of the world.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. LOWE.

Rev. J. F. Seibert addressed the convention, commending the women for their steadfastness in the work.

Offering, $4.66.

Hymn 338.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Opening prayer, Mrs. A. B. C. Heller, West Point.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of Minutes.

Announcement of committees, as follows:

President's Report—Mrs. R. A. White, Mrs. J. Philip Anshutz.

Treasurer's Report—Mrs. Oberholtzer, Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. M. D. Berg, Mrs. George Crannell.

Standing Committees' Reports—Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Miss Bertha Leaderman.

Department Secretary's Reports—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Miss Loudenslager.

Letters and Papers—Miss Suda Wood, Mrs. A. B. C. Heller.

Resolutions—Miss Matie Martin, Mrs. J. A. Gage.

Reporters to City Papers—Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Claudius.

Reporter to Observer—Mrs. J. A. Gage.

Reporter to Lutheran World—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Reporter to Evangelist—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Reporter to Missionary Journal—Mrs. R. A. White.

"The Quiet Hour," conducted by Mrs. L. P. Ludden, was a spiritual uplift to all present.

Reading, Miss Hazel Livingston.

Closed with song and prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with Psalm cxv., read responsively.

Prayer by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

Reading of minutes.

The reports of the Delegates were interesting, twenty-four being present.

Solo, Miss Swain, Omaha.

On motion, Mrs. Ludden offered a prayer to God for Mrs. Penfold, lying low in sickness.

The paper, "Endowment of a Bed in India," by Mrs. Oberholtzer, was interesting and instructive.

Prayer and discussion, by Rev. J. A. Lowe, showed the deep interest felt in the subject.

Mrs. Mary E. Witmer, First Vice-President of the General Society, was introduced at this time, bringing greetings to the society. All welcomed her gladly.

Hymn 391.

Greetings from visiting clergy.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., presented the work of the Board of Home Missions; he urged the women to use their power to win souls for God.

Rev. C. J. Ringer, Wayne; Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, Wilber; Rev. R. A. White, York; Rev. L. J. Powell, Sutherland; Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha; Rev. J. H. Oberholtzer, Dakota, Salem; Rev. M. D. Berg, Ponca, greeted the society, and spoke words of encouragement.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Scripture lesson and prayer, Mrs. Kautz, Ponca.

Hymn 309.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Reports of committees.

Report of Home Department Secretary.

Your Secretary of the Home Department would submit the following report, for the year beginning September 1st, 1905, and ending September 1st, 1906:

Number of letters written to auxiliaries, 21; number of replies received, 5.

Number of tracts on Home Department work distributed, 48.

No new Home Departments have been reported. Two Home Departments have been dropped.

Dakota City Home Department report: Number of members, 2; amount contributed, $21.75.

Tekamah Home Department report: Number of members 2; amount contributed, $2.00.

Total membership reported, 4.

Total amount contributed through Home Department, $23.75.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. D. WILLERT.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries' Reports.

Your Committee on Department Secretaries reports the following:

In the Home Department we notice that she has performed her duties faithfully, but are sorry to note the loss of two members. We trust many others will take up this blessed work.

The Secretary of the Young People's Department shows that she has been very active and efficient in her duties, sowing good seed that rich harvests may be gathered.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT,
IDA LOUDENSLAGER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions would submit the following:

WHEREAS, God in His omnipotent goodness has again brought us into convention,

Resolved, That with renewed consecration we take up the work and endeavor to push forward the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Nebraska.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the presence of the ministers in our midst, and thank them for their very cheering words in magnifying our work.

Resolved, That we are grateful for the presence of Mrs. Witmer in our convention.

Resolved, That we unitedly pray and work for the remainder of our fund for the endowment of our bed in India.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered the pastor and people of Kountze Memorial Church for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us, throwing open to us the doors of their beautiful church and of their homes, also for the special music and readings rendered.

Resolved, That we very much appreciate the thoughtfulness of the ladies in beautifying with flowers the rooms of the convention.

Respectfully submitted, MATIE MARTIN,
MRS. EMMA E. GAGE.

Adopted.

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts of the Nebraska W. H. and F. M. Society for Year Ending August 31, 1906.

Woman's Societies.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Immanuel Church, Philadelphia.	Relief for California Churches.	Memorial Fund.	Girls' School in Africa.	N. S. P. B.	Girls' Caste School in Arundelpet.	Endowment of Nebraska Bed in India Hospital.	Totals.
Beatrice	$2 75	$4 75	$0 60	$7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$33 50	$47 60
Benedict	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Dakota, Emmanuel	4 00	21 38	2 10	9 72	$2 40	$2 50	$3 00	$0 50	.....	$2 00	$0 75	38 05	85 80
Dakota, Salem	.....	13 26	2 00	23 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	74 76
Davenport	5 00	6 00	5 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 80
Homer	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Lincoln	3 00	7 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	27 75
North Platte	.....	10 30	1 10	5 00	.....	.....	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 30	24 10
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	5 00	20 52	4 00	10 73	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 40	74 65
Ponca	.....	22 46	3 00	11 87	75	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	69 28
Rising City	5 25	11 10	1 00	17 20	3 00	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	62 65
Roca	1 15	9 17	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	22 32
Stella	.....	5 00	1 00	15 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	34 00
Tekamah, Immanuel	2 00	9 80	1 00	12 56	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 25	39 66
Tekamah, Grace	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
West Point	.....	12 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	23 50
Wolbach	25	9 40	1 20	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10	18 75
Yutan	2 50	3 40	1 20	4 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	$0 50	.....	.....	7 00	18 86
Young People's Society.													
Roca	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Mission Bands.													
Dakota, Emmanuel	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	4 10
Grand Island	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Roca	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Wilber	.....	97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	1 27
Collections at Lincoln Convention	2 10	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 60
Totals	$38 00	$183 41	$32 90	$121 84	$12 00	$6 20	$6 00	$1 00	$0 50	$1 00	$0 75	$259 75	$663 35

Treasurer's Report.

Madame President and Sisters of the Convention:

It is with pleasure that I bring you this report this morning, for most of the societies have done well.

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from former Treasurer		$23 42	
Receipts from Societies (see Exhibit)		663 35	
			$686 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

To General Treasurer		$330 00	
From Synodical Fee Fund:			
To Miss Hope C. Larson	$3 80		
To Mrs. S. S. Riegle	3 50		
To Miss Lydia A. Bender	3 30		
To Mrs. M. A. Mostert	70		
To Mrs. J. D. Kautz	1 25		
To Miss E. S. Haase	5 00		
To Miss Jessie Brewer	10 00		
To Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis	68		
To programmes	4 00		
To stationery	6 50		
		$38 73	
From Silver Anniversary Fund		8 73	
			377 46
Cash on hand			$309 31

Cash on hand is as follows:

In Endowment of Bed Fund	$259 75	
In Silver Anniversary Fund	29 79	
In Synodical Fee	19 97	
	$309 31	

I would recommend that the Treasurers, in remitting money, give the amount in dollars, omitting the decimal column.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH S. HAASE, *Synodical Treasurer.*

Treasurer's Supplemental Report of Moneys Received since September 10th.

For Endowment of Bed:	
Beatrice	$4 50
York	1 00
Mrs. S. S. Riegle	5 00
Omaha	10 60
Mrs. Witmer	9 00
	$30 10

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books begs leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's records and vouchers, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. OBERHOLTZER,
LYDIA A. BENDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, your committee, appointed to examine the President's report, beg leave to submit the following:

We find in the address an earnest desire for the success of the work and promotion of the Master's kingdom on every page, which should inspire us all to do more in the future.

The President is to be commended for her diligence and zeal in her efforts to promote the missionary cause in the State of Nebraska.

The report shows a new society organized at York, a Mission Band at Grand Island, and a Young People's Society at Beatrice uniting with our Synodical Society.

Resolved, That we rejoice in these accessions, and bid them welcome to our society.

Resolved, That we are in accord with the President's recommendation that pastors be encouraged to preach on the subject of missions frequently, and further suggest that the Corresponding Secretary call attention of pastors to this action, especially to those in whose congregations there is no society.

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the work of endowing a bed in our India Hospital, and that we pledge our co-operation in this precious enterprise.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. A. WHITE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Box-work.

Your Committee on Box-work reports as follows:

We began early in the year to plan for the work, and anxiously awaited information.

Our inquiries brought the response that no work is required of us this year. While we would have performed these duties *willingly*, we are glad conditions are *so* favorable that it is not necessary.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. I. STAHL.

Accepted and referred to committee.

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Quarters Reported.	Organized.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	MEMBERS. Active.	Honorary	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Total.	TIME OF MEETINGS.	Number of Meetings.	Journals.	Children's Missionary.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer.
1. Beatrice	1, 2, 3, 4	1892	Mrs. E. P. Mumford	Mrs. M. A. Mostert	18	..	14	..	2	32	1st Thursday	12	18	35	$47 60
2. Dakota City, Emmanuel	1, 2, 3, 4	1891	Mrs. W. P. Warner	Mrs. W. A. Neimeyer	17	2	..	3	2	10	1st Thursday	13	16	...	83 80
3. Dakota County, Salem	1, 2, 3,	1901	Mrs. Ruth Culbertson	Mrs. William Armour	18	..	..	..	....	18	1st Friday	....	18	....	64 76
4. Grace Church, Burt Co.	.....	1901	Miss Hope Larson	.....	15	..	..	..	....	15	.....	....	....	....	5 00
5. Homer	4	1905	Mrs. Frank Sayers	Mrs. W. H. Berger	9	1	..	..	....	10	3d Thursday	....	8	....	10 00
6. Lincoln	1, 2, 3, 4	1890	Mrs. C. R. Sherck	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	15	4	..	..	....	19	1st Wednesday	....	12	....	27 75
7. North Platte	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. J. F. Seibert	Mrs. F. Fredrickson	10	..	..	..	....	10	1st Friday	7	14	....	20 10
8. Omaha	1, 2, 3, 4	1886	Mrs. John E. Hummon	Mrs. Howard Judson	22	3	..	1	....	25	3d Wednesday	11	21	....	74 65
9. Ponca	1, 2, 3, 4	1880	Mrs. M. D. Berg	Mrs. M. D. Berg	30	1	..	..	..	31	1st Friday	12	29	....	69 28
10. Roca	1, 2, 3, 4	1894	Miss Matie Martin	Miss Viola Martin	5	1	..	..	....	6	2d Sunday	6	3	....	22 32
11. Rising City	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. L. J. Saylor	Miss C. Kunkelman	10	..	..	..	....	10	1st Wednesday	11	9	....	62 65
12. Stella	1, 2, 3, 4	1884	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Mrs. Kittie Wilsey	7	..	..	..	....	7	1st Thursday	3	5	....	34 00
13. Tekamah	1, 2, 3, 4	1881	Mrs. W. F. Poot	Mrs. Estella Wood	9	..	5	..	2	14	1st Saturday	11	8	....	39 66
14. West Point	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. Flora S. Lipe	Mrs. A. B. C. Heller	10	1	..	..	1	11	1st Wednesday	6	9	....	23 50
15. Wolbach	1, 2, 3, 4	1905	Mrs. Carrie Mathiesen	Mrs. Cornelia Bollman	10	1	..	..	....	11	1st Thursday	7	4	....	18 75
16. Yutan	1, 2, 3, 4	1883	Miss L. A. Bender	Mrs. Rebecca Shupe	3	2	..	..	....	5	1st Thursday	8	3	30	18 86
17. York	.....	1900	Mrs. R. A. White	Mrs. J. B. Foster	3	..	..	..	....	3	.....	....	1	....	1 00
18. Davenport	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..	..	....	....	.....	....	....	....	16 20
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	211	16	19	4	7	246	.....	....	117	65	$639 88
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.															
Roca	.....	....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	....	....	.....	....	....	....	2 00
MISSION BANDS.															
1. Dakota City	1, 3, 4	1904	Clara Blum	Myrtle Baughman	21	..	..	..	....	21	Alternate Sundays	18	....	....	4 10
2. Roca	3,	1902	.....	Miss Viola Martin	4	3	..	..	....	7	.....	....	....	....	1 25
3. Wilber	1, 2, 3,	1905	.....	Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis, Supt.	12	..	..	..	....	12	.....	7	....	10	1 27
4. Grand Island	4	1906	.....	Miss L. Hershey, Supt.	12	..	..	..	....	12	.....	....	....	12	1 25
Totals	.....	....	.....	.....	49	..	..	..	....	52	.....	....	....	22	9 87
Grand Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	260	19	19	4	7	298	.....	....	117	87	$649 75

Respectfully submitted, MISS LYDIA A. BENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report finds Miss Bender's report correct in every respect.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. BERG,
MRS. J. D. KAUTZ.

Adopted.

Report of Historian.

Last year, at our convention at Lincoln, we took a hurried glance at the stepping-stones made by our successive conventions. Each crest was higher and better than its predecessor. What a glorious survey from our last height!

What harvests of thought, energy, talent, and sacrifice were brought again to our minds! We showed our appreciation of the work accomplished at our Silver Jubilee Anniversary by our Silver Free-will Offering and Praise Service.

Mrs. J. W. Kimmel (wife of the late Rev. J. W. Kimmel, of Lincoln, who recently passed to his heavenly home), was our first President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; she was with us and gave an address. We noticed there were hardships and trials borne by this zealous and untiring worker at the beginning of this work. All the other Presidents who were unable to be present sent greetings. These have been carefully preserved by your Historian.

The pauses and reflections upon the past but give us a realization of what God can do through us, and make us more anxious to accomplish further results.

Reviewing successes and blessings is a joy; but living on our past deeds is not a Christian goal, nor is the future ours—except through faith and hope. It is our duty and calling to serve the present age; this is our day of love, labor, and sacrifice; we are *His* friends if we do whatsoever *He* commands us.

The Historian's collection was much enlarged the past year by the generous contributions of Miss Alice L. Gaumer, of Urbana, Ohio, and Mrs. E. C. Aughy, of Spokane, Wash., the former contributing freely of the *Lutheran Missionary Journal* previous to 1895, and reports of the American Evangelical Mission of Guntur, India. We will tarry a moment to pay honor, if only by mentioning with thanks, to F. A. Meek, agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who sent them free to their destination.

I also have added the following publications of the past year: *Mission Studies*, the *Lutheran Missionary Journal*. Tracts: Our Silver Jubilee Prayer Calendar, Minutes of the Nebraska Convention, Greetings to the Silver Jubilee Anniversary from former Presidents, Silver Contribution Envelope, the Silver Contribution Box from the General Silver Jubilee Anniversary, contributed by our delegate, Miss Haase, The Evolution of our Medical Mission in India for Women and Children.

The auxiliaries have been more interested and active in all departments this

past year. We are pleased to note a small increase in numbers. Only one death reported, from Lincoln, Mrs. Bassler.

The following is a list of what has been contributed, and those that are still missing; any of these will be thankfully received to complete our record:

MISSION STUDIES.

1889, complete; 1890, first three quarters missing; 1891, complete; 1892, complete; 1893, last three quarters missing; 1894, all missing; 1895, complete.

LUTHERAN MISSIONARY JOURNAL.

1880, January and February, the first publication in leaflet form, the other ten numbers are missing; 1881, all missing; 1882, all missing; 1883, all missing except June; 1884, all missing; 1885, all missing; 1886, all missing; 1887, all missing; 1888, January and March missing; 1889, December missing; 1890, June missing; 1891, complete; 1892, January missing; 1893, complete; 1894, complete; 1895, complete.

REPORT OF GUNTUR MISSION.

The years 1886, 1887, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1902 are missing.

Let us, as societies, be faithful to our several callings and each other, remembering a history of our services will go down to future generations; and let us gather, and cause to be gathered, such material as will not only be an honor to us, but to the God we serve. Let us each have a hand in this ingathering, and receive the blessing that awaits all, for duty well done.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT,
Historian.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has held two meetings since last convention; the first at Lincoln, September 22d, 1905. All the officers were present: Mrs. J. A. Lowe, Miss Matie Martin, Miss E. S. Haase, Miss Lydia A. Bender, and Miss Maude Martin. All bills presented were allowed. It was decided that of the $15.00 received from Davenport, $5.00 be placed in General Fund, $5.00 for Synodical Fee, and $5.00 for Silver Jubilee Fund; also that the Silver Jubilee Offering be used in State work.

The second meeting was held at York, June 22d, 1906, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Matie Martin, Miss Elizabeth Haase, Miss Lydia A. Bender, Mrs. Mostert, and Miss Maude Martin being present.

Mrs. Lowe gave a general report of the work and conditions of the auxiliaries. She reported Miss Kunkelman having charge of the Mission Band work.

Mrs. Lewis having resigned, she appointed Miss Matie Martin to take charge of Young People's work until the close of the year. We were also

informed by the President that the convention would be held in Kountze Memorial Church, at Omaha.

The Treasurer reported $35.92 in Synodical Fund. The Silver Anniversary Fund was left to be disposed of at the convention.

Regarding the endowment of a bed in India, it was decided, besides each active member giving $4.00, the auxiliaries give what they could, and that an effort be made to raise $500.00 before the convention.

An auxiliary society was organized at York during our stay at that place.

The programme for the convention was arranged as it is before you.

Respectfully submitted, MAUDE MARTIN.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers reports the following:

The greetings of Mrs. A. Claudius made us feel that we were heartily welcome to the people of Omaha, while the response of Mrs. J. W. Springer was heartily appreciated by us all.

The paper, "Endowment of the Bed in India," was filled with inspiration from beginning to end. Be it

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the work of endowing a bed in our India Hospital, and that we pledge our co-operation in this precious work.

We find the following excellent papers full of good thoughts and reasons why we should be aggressive in the work of our Lord and Master: 1. "Why Young People Need Mission Work." 2. "Why Mission Work Needs Young People." 3. "Special Difficulties in Young People's Work and How to Overcome Them." The thanks of this body are due to these ladies for their well-prepared papers. We suggest that these papers be sent to the Young People's Societies of Nebraska, to be read before them.

Paper, "Our Opportunities and Responsibilities." Throughout this paper our writer urges us that prayer is essential to success.

We received with pleasure the kind words of greeting from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Field Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

With joy we listened to the letter from our former Treasurer, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Greetings from Miss Jessie Brewer were then read. Every face was lighted with enthusiasm as they listened to her greetings.

May the blessing of God rest upon her during her journey and labor in the foreign fields, is the prayer of the convention.

Respectfully submitted, SUDA WOOD,
MRS. R. A. WHITE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature presents again a review of its work for the society year closing with this convention:

The work this year has been pleasant, and I note with pleasure the fact that more of our societies show a willingness to comply with the suggestions offered, and thus to co-operate in the work of disseminating our missionary literature.

This year many have expressed their appreciation, and given very hearty commendation of the literature furnished, and the benefits derived from the use of the same. Truly this should be encouraging to the General Committee in the efforts it is making to make our work better known among our members.

We urge upon all societies the general use of the United Course of Study and a very careful examination and use, month by month, of the tracts and other literature sent forth by our General Literature Committee.

On the Literature table you will find some new and decidedly interesting things. I trust that every delegate and visitor will not only inspect these things, but buy them for the helpfulness they will bring to your societies.

A prompt payment by each society of the fifty cents dues for tracts will make the work of this committee self-supporting.

The financial exhibit for the year is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$1 87
Dakota City, tracts	50
Beatrice, tracts	50
Ponca, tracts, 1906 and 1907	1 00
Sales at Convention last year	64
Roca, tracts, 1905 and 1906	1 00
Mission Studies	75
Rising City, tracts	50
Lincoln, tracts	50
Book and topic cards	45
Yutan, tracts, 1905 and 1906	1 00
West Point, tracts	50
North Platte, tracts	50
Tekamah, tracts	50
Stella, tracts	50
Omaha, tracts	50
Oakland, tracts	50
	$11 71

DISBURSEMENTS.

For postage stamps	$3 35
For money orders	12
For *Mission Studies*	75
For book and topic cards	45
For literature	4 32
Balance on hand	2 72
	$11 71

We owe the General Literature Committee for one quarter's tracts; the bill has not yet reached me.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN,
Literature Committee.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on Standing Committees' Reports.

Your Committee on Standing Committees' Reports begs leave to submit the following:

We desire to express our appreciation of the report of the Executive Committee. We note with pleasure the organization of a society at York. We recommend the Auxiliaries to make special effort to raise the apportionment for endowment of bed in India, which is $4.00 per member.

The Historian's Report shows careful preparation. We note the collection has been enlarged during the year. The Literature Committee Report shows a desire for missionary information is increasing.

The Box-work Committee reports no work being required of them during the year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. J. SAYLOR,
BERTHA LEADERMAN.

Adopted.

Solo, Miss Swain, Omaha.

Hymn 395.

The three papers on "Young People's Work" were deserving of special mention.

The discussion that followed was interesting and instructive.

Hymn 336.

Election of Officers.

President—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.

Recording Secretary—Miss Maude Martin.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth Haase.

Delegate to General Convention—Miss Lydia A. Bender; alternate, Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Hymn 201.

Benediction, Rev. M. D. Berg.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Scripture reading by President, followed by season of prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Letters of greeting from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Miss Jessie Brewer, and Mrs. S. S. Riegle were read.

Unfinished business.

Motion passed, place of next meeting be left to Executive Committee.

Motion passed that Miss Lydia A. Bender send greetings of society to Mrs. S. S. Riegle, formerly of Omaha.

The paper, "Our Opportunities and Responsibilities in Nebraska," Mrs. J. A. Gage, Beatrice, contained much whereby we may profit.

Solo, Mrs. C. A. Dill.

Hymn 544.

Home Department Round-table, led by Mrs. Saylor, was very helpful.

Recitation, Miss Adeline Specht, Omaha, was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Mary E. Witmer, Des Moines, Iowa, spoke on the subject, "Ideal Missionary Society."

"Quiet Hour," led by Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, contained spiritual food for all who were there.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Opened with song.

Solo.

Scripture lesson, Psalm xxxiv., Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Prayer, Mrs. Claudius.

Hymn 537.

The address by Mrs. Mary E. Witmer, of Des Moines, Iowa, was interesting and helpful.

Solo.

Offering, $5.21.

Each delegate gave her "Impressions of the Convention." Many beautiful and helpful thoughts were given, followed by closing words of President.

Hymn 428.

Benediction, Rev. J. E. Hummon, and the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska was adjourned.

MAUDE MARTIN,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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